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G. M. PEARCE.

Fenelon Falls, April 7th, 1891.

TO FARMERS.

I beg to inform my customers, and farmers generally, that I have become Agent for the **Farm Implements Manufactured by Peter Hamilton, Peterborough.** His Implements are allowed to be the best adapted for the back country. His perfect knowledge of how they should be constructed has gained **Innumerable Testimonies** for him all over the back country. I am erecting a large implement shed, which will be finished and filled with all kinds of Implements by the 15th of March. I would therefore ask you to **Place no Order for Anything you may Want until you See Them.** Binder Twine at 10c. per lb., equal to anything in the market. Thanking you for past favours,

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Not wishing to keep Silverware, I will sell what I have at greatly reduced prices. Come and get Bargains.—A. M.

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A choice stock, replete with every requisite in this line. Goods are first class. Styles correct. Prices right. Call and secure your head attire.

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A large and beautiful assortment of Underwear, which will suit all and be sold at lowest prices. Dress and Mantle making done to order. All work guaranteed. Eggs taken in exchange.

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Two doors North of the Post-office.

Fenelon Falls, April 2nd, 1891.

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IRON FOUNDER & MACHINIST,
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ALL OF WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT LOW PRICES TO MEET THE TIMES.

THOMAS ROBSON.

Fenelon Falls, Ont.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, May 15th, 1891.

Mr. Tarte's Charges.

On Monday in the House of Commons Mr. Tarte, M. P. for Montmorency and proprietor of *Le Canadien*, formally laid his charges of malversation of office and conspiracy to defraud against Mr. Thomas McGreevy, M. P., and (by implication) Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works. Mr. Laurier was absent through illness, and Sir Richard Cartwright from some other cause, but the galleries were literally crowded by persons anxious to hear Mr. Tarte. With our limited space we cannot give his indictment, which, without the preliminary remarks, fill three columns of fine type in the city papers, but it is almost enough to make any one's hair stand on end to read it; and if he can prove any one of his accusations the guilty parties should not be allowed to escape with so inadequate a punishment as mere expulsion from Parliament. Mr. Tarte alleges that during the past eight years Mr. McGreevy has, with the connivance of Sir Hector, systematically manipulated contracts for the benefit of the pet firm of Larkin, Conroy & Co., who have not only paid him from time to time, in hard cash, sums varying from \$2,000 to \$27,000 for his services, but also gave his brother, Robert McGreevy, 30 per cent. of the profit on one contract, and 20 per cent. of another. Of course this kind of game could not have been worked without the knowledge and consent of the Minister of Public Works, and Mr. McGreevy's friends say in his defence that nearly all the money thus fraudulently obtained was made away with by Sir Hector. Mr. Tarte's motion to have his charges laid before a select committee were overruled, and they will be passed upon by the Committee of Privileges and Elections. Sir Hector Langevin in his reply, which was a general denial of the charges, said "I never asked the contractors named for money, cheques or notes, nor did I receive any of them for my own use, profit or advantage"; but it was noticed and commented upon that he did not say he had never received them at all or used them for any purpose. Mr. McGreevy denounced the accusation as a conspiracy and declared that the papers in Mr. Tarte's possession were forgeries; to which Mr. Tarte replied: "If the letters signed by the hon. gentleman's own name are forgeries I will apologise, not only to the House, but will have no other treatment to expect from the Parliament than to go out of it, and very quick." It is said the Governor-General has asked the First Minister for an explanation of the grave charges made in Parliament involving the honor and integrity of one of his advisers; but Sir John's reply has not been made public.

The Reeve's Improvements.

A broad grin corrugated the countenances of such of our villagers as happened to be on the main street about 7 o'clock last Monday morning, when ground was broken on the little hill a few yards north of Bond street. On one side of Colborne street at this particular spot is Braeside Ha', the palatial residence of Mr. Joseph McArthur, and on the other is the brick terrace owned by his brother, Mr. William McArthur, by the grace of the people reeve of Fenelon Falls. Everybody has known for some time past that at the distribution by the county council of the fund accrued from fines under the Spott Act this village was awarded \$400, to be spent in public improvements; and as everybody no doubt expected—or, at least,

hoped—it would be "put where it would do the most good" to the public generally, it is within the bounds of possibility that the residents of the vicinity of Mowry's bay had wild dreams of a few dollars being devoted to making smooth the rough places on what is still occasionally called the "sawdust road," though nearly all the sawdust and many of the logs beneath it were burned two or three summers ago. But as it is to be expended on leading streets only, they haven't the ghost of a chance. Whether or not it was intended that no part of it should be devoted to the improvement of sidewalks we are unable to say, but as the money is to be expended at the discretion (or want of discretion) of the reeve, and as the sidewalks in the vicinity of his and his brother's houses are in good condition, it is likely that he will put the narrowest possible construction upon the conditions of the grant. We have no desire to deny that there is a wet spot in spring and fall at the side of the road where work was commenced, and that a moderate expenditure thereon is justifiable; but it looks at present as if so much money will be spent in the McArthur vicinity that a mere nothing will be left for improvements elsewhere, and there is a notably bad spot higher up Colborne street, near the Methodist church. This (Wednesday) afternoon we went to where the men were at work to see now they were getting on, and saw that they had dug a ditch, nearly five feet deep and about 150 feet long, from just below where the creek crosses the main street to the corner of Bond street. Asking what the ditch was for, we were informed that it was to carry off the water from a spring that is claimed to have been "found," but which must have temporarily retired from observation, as we could see no signs of it. We heard this morning that the reeve had ordered the ditch to be dug for the purpose of tapping the creek, which, after crossing the road, runs through Mr. Joseph McArthur's lot. If the proprietor of Braeside Ha' were a man of taste and a lover of sparkling water, he would make that creek a thing of beauty and a joy 'till it freezes; but, being what he is, he doesn't want it on his premises, and has covered it out of sight, but in such circumscribed limits that when flush of fluid it makes its presence known; and not a few believe that his brother kindly intended to relieve him by taking part of the water down street. Not being in the reeve's confidence, we don't know his intentions; but he has received an intimation that he must not interfere with the creek, and if the spring that disappeared before he could get a look at it should not turn up again, we don't see what use the ditch at the roadside can be put to. Even if the creek could be tapped it would cost no end of money to get rid of the water, as the drain from Mr. Heard's, into which it would naturally be conveyed, would have to be widened and perhaps deepened to where it empties into the creek that crosses the main street south of Francis street. Apparently, the village will derive but little benefit from the expenditure of the \$400, but the McArthurs will make well out of it, as the frontage of their properties will be improved, the reeve gets 10 per cent. of the money for laying out the rest, and is said to have an interest in the livery stable that supplies the horses employed at the work. It seems hard—doesn't it?—that the men who were most strongly opposed to the Spott Act should get, directly or indirectly, more benefit from the fund arising from it than any other members of the community.

After the above was in type a rough stone drain was laid in the ditch, which is now being filled up, and some of the men are at work on a rise in the ground a little farther north.

DENTAL—Don't fail to call on J. Neelands at the McArthur House, Fenelon Falls, on Tuesday May, 19th. Mr. Neelands will have a complete "Gas Apparatus" for extracting teeth.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—As the 24th of May falls this year on Sunday, the Queen's birthday is to be celebrated on Monday, the 25th. The members of Hackett lodge of True Blues are coming to the Falls from Lindsay by the steamer *Dominion*.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held in the Methodist church basement on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 8 p. m. Topic: "The results of disobedience." Introduced by Messrs. A. Sutherland and J. W. Exley. All cordially invited.

THE TELEPHONE.—As far as we can learn, all the poles for the telephone line between this village and Lindsay and Bobcaygeon are still lying where they were deposited during sleighing, but the work of erecting them will no doubt soon be commenced, as the frost must be pretty well out of the ground by this time. It won't take long to set them up and string the wire, and the lines may yet be in operation early in June.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.—A woman named Hartley was arrested last Wednesday for stealing a watch and chain while in the employ of Mr. W. H. Greene about a year ago. The articles were found in her house and she is to be tried in Jordan's hall this evening at 7 o'clock.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The Royal Templars of Temperance announce an entertainment in Dickson's hall on Monday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. It will consist of vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations, concluding with a fine tableau. Admission only ten cents.

"WANTS TO KNOW, YOU KNOW."—We find the following among the political notes in Tuesday's *Globe*:—"Mr. Barron will ask on Thursday whether the Trent Valley Canal Commission has reported in favor of the completion of the scheme, and also does the Government intend to ask Parliament this session for a grant for the purpose."

STEAMERS.—On Wednesday evening the *Beauboige* came to the Falls from Bobcaygeon with one of Boyd & Co's. cribs, on which were several men and a span of horses, bound for the other side of Cameron Lake. Two or three hours later the *Water Witch* came from Lindsay or somewhere with a number of river drivers on board. Neither boat remained here over night.

SORRY TO HEAR IT.—On Monday night the Millbrook Reporter office was totally destroyed by fire, together with all its contents, not even the subscription lists or books being saved. The plant, owned by Mr. Whalley, was valued at about \$3,000 and insured \$1,500. The building, owned by T. B. Collins & Co., was insured for \$200. We extend to Bro. Whalley our sympathy in his misfortune, and are glad to hear that friends are rallying around him with offers of assistance.

OUR POPULATION.—Mr. Thomas Austin has finished taking the village census and says the population is 1,220. This is a good deal less than it was when all the mills were in operation, and, at the rate people are going away, it will soon be reduced to 1,000. But, as lamentations over the decadence of the village, though a relief to the feelings, can do no good, and as "what can't be cured must be endured," let us take an optimistic view of things, and hope that there is a good time coming and that its arrival may not be long delayed.

Spring Work.—This season has been very favorable for spring work, which has not been interrupted by rains, and the cool, though windy, weather suited both men and teams. Many of the farmers are already through with their seeding, others are well on with it, and a few on low land have still a good deal to do. Some fields of fall wheat were partially or totally winter killed, but those that escaped are looking fairly well. The want of rain is beginning to be felt. There were two or three very light showers on Sunday, and the grass on the commons soon showed the effect of them; but ten times as much will soon be needed, and we hope it will come.

\$500 For a Needle.

OUR HOMES, a thirty-two page monthly magazine, devoted to house building, home furnishing, house decoration, fashions, general literature, etc., is the best publication of its class in America. The publishers, in order to increase the circulation of their magazine, offer large cash rewards to those of their subscribers, or intending subscribers, who correctly answer the following question: Where in the New Testament are the words, "a needle," first found? Cash daily and weekly rewards given while the competition lasts. The publishers will give away thousands of dollars among those correctly answering the question—the leading reward being \$500 in gold. Send ten cents in stamps or silver for a sample copy of OUR HOMES and complete rules governing the competition. Address OUR HOMES PUBLISHING CO., Brockville, Canada.

Prairie fires have done a good deal of harm lately in different parts of the province.

The hamlet of Altona, Mich., is in ashes. There is not a building left in the place.

Millions of dollars worth of damage has been done by the forest fires now raging in the Michigan lumbering districts.

A monument has been erected 20 miles east of Columbus, Ind., to mark the centre of population of the United States.

An explosion occurred on Monday on the British steamer *Tancerville*, which was undergoing repairs at Newport, several men being killed and others injured.

The coal mines of the Keith & Perry Company, at Deep Water, Mo., took fire on Saturday. Two hundred men were in the mines, all of whom escaped but one. The fire still rages.