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Fenelon Falls, April 7th, 1891.

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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

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THOMAS ROBSON.

Fenelon Falls, Ont.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, September 11th, 1891.

The Rainy River District.

Yesterday morning Mr. James Dickson, P. L. S., left for the Rainy River district, where he has to follow in the footsteps of less illustrious predecessors over a couple of townships and inspect their surveys, which will keep him away from home about three months. This reminds us that the Hon. A. S. Hardy, Commissioner of Crown Lands, lately took a trip through the same district, which, he says, was "a revelation" to him, there being a stretch of nearly 80 miles of farm lands between Fort Francis and the mouth of Rainy River along the Canadian bank, which apparently does not contain two miles of broken or un-tillable land as seen from the river. The strip varies from ten to thirty miles in width, and the land is not only of unparalleled fertility but is very easily cleared, as the timber is nearly all of second growth, the stumps of which rot in a short time. Mr. Hardy's report tallies exactly with what is said of the region by Mr. Locking, one of the first settlers, who has more than once sung its praises through the columns of the *Globe*; and if Mr. Dickson, upon his return, gives as good an account of it as we expect he will, we shall conclude that it is about as likely a locality as there is in the Dominion for farmers in want of homes to find them. The land is free grant, there are no summer frosts, the wheat yields from 30 to 40 bushels per acre and other grains in proportion, and there is room enough for a population of at least half a million.

School Books.

The public schools opened on Monday of last week, and even yet the semi-annual growl at the cost of books for children is in the air. The *Gazette*—as all its readers probably know by this time—is not as ardent an admirer of our school system as tens of thousands of thoughtful patriots are or pretend to be; and if there one thing more than another that causes dissatisfaction with the system, it is the endless and oppressive outlay for new books which it necessitates. Even supposing that they are sold at as low prices as they can be, which we doubt, they are so numerous that the expense is a serious burden upon men who have small incomes and large families, and every examination passed by a girl or boy is the subject of grief as well as of congratulations. Parents must send their children to school until they are a certain age, which is right enough; but they have scarcely any choice as to how they are to be educated, as they are under the iron heel of a despotic "system," which has defects glaringly apparent to many persons who can do nothing towards remedying them. The cost of books is such an admitted grievance that there is talk of furnishing them to pupils at the expense of the State; but how that will work remains to be seen.

Killed or Stolen.

Since about the 1st of August Mr. Wm. Jordan, who owns a fine and very large farm less than a mile from the this village, has lost eight or nine valuable sheep, some of which are known to have been killed by dogs, while others were probably stolen, as they were in a field close to the highway and not even the mangled remains of them can be found. That thieves as well as dogs have been at work in Mr. Jordan's flock there can be no doubt, as about fifteen lambs (all big ones) have totally disappeared, and if dogs had had the sense

to pick out the best they would have lost at least some remains of their victims. Mr. John A. Ellis, whose farm adjoins Mr. Jordan's, and from whom we got the above information, thinks the dogs and thieves showed a commendable discrimination in sparing the sheep owned by himself and other poor farmers and killing those belonging to Mr. Jordan, to whom the pecuniary loss is of little consequence; but the last named gentlemen would probably have been better satisfied if the depredators, whether quadrupeds or bipeds, had paid some of their unwelcome visits to his neighbors and fewer to himself. We have seen or heard it stated, at least a hundred times, that dogs are the chief obstacle in the way of profitable sheep raising; and yet, so far from any concerted attempt being made to abate the nuisance, the laws enacted for the protection of sheep are so feebly enforced that they do scarcely an appreciable amount of good; and hundreds of farmers in every township not only persist in keeping dogs that are perfectly or nearly useless, but feed them so insufficiently that it is a wonder some of them don't—like the rats of Hamelin—"bite the babies in their cradles" as well as kill sheep.

A Thing of Beauty.

The lock-master's office which is nearly finished, will be one of the many attractions of our picturesque village. The design is quite artistic, and has resulted in what appears to be a cross between a miniature railway station and a nobleman's gatekeeper's lodge. The outside is very striking, but the interior is not in keeping with it, as the lumber used for lining is far too plentifully besprinkled with knots. The contract price was \$150, and it is whispered that the extras already amount to \$50 more. What the extras are we don't know. Perhaps they are the work on the strip of ground behind the office, which is to be made level, covered a few inches deep with sandy loam, seeded down and (we suppose) enclosed with some sort of fence. We have little doubt that by hook or by crook the contractor will make enough out of the job to enable him to contribute handsomely to the Tory election fund a few months hence. No longer ago than last week it was stated in the House of Commons, in reply to a question of Mr. Barron's, that there was "no lock-master's office at Fenelon Falls," and at that time it was a good deal more than half way on the road to completion.

Somerville Council.

Burnt River, Sept. 1st, 1891.

Council met pursuant to call of the reeve. Present, Messrs. John Bell, reeve, and G. Rumney, H. F. Perdue, and A. Morrison, councillors; absent, Mr. Craig. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, and signed in the usual manner.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Rumney, That By-law No. —, a by-law to grant the sum of fifty dollars to supplement any grant to poor schools in Somerville by the Educational Department, be now read and passed.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rumney, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the following accounts against the municipality be paid: Municipality of Fenelon Falls, rent for Division Court hall for the years 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891, \$40; E. D. Hand, advertising Court of Revision, \$2; G. W. Beall, stationery, \$8 71; T. Robson, 3 road scrapers and freight, \$27 70; Clerk, for registering births, deaths and marriages, \$5 10; Clerk, on account of salary \$20; Clerk, postage, \$1 50; Alex. Morrison, clarity to Jos. Horton, \$2 86; M. A. Hopkins, spikes for sidewalk, \$4 14; Jas. Wakelin, cedar for culvert and repairing scraper, \$1 00; W. S. Dowson, assessor salary, \$60; J. C. Argue, 8 months' salary, \$40; Do., postage, stationery etc., \$14.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That \$60 be paid the contractor of Mitchell's bridge on account of contract.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Rumney, That the council attend at the new bridge on Tuesday, the 8th inst., to examine the same, with a view to final acceptance and for arranging to construct approaches thereto.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Rumney, That the clerk notify the Grand Trunk Railway Co. that the crossing on the ninth concession line of Somerville is in a dangerous condition, and request the same to be repaired in accordance with the requirements of the case.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Perdue, That the council do now adjourn, to meet again on the 3rd day of October next.—Carried.

DENTAL.—Be sure and call on J. Newlands, dentist, at the McArthur House on Tuesday, Sept. 15th. He will have a complete gas apparatus for extracting teeth.

Powles's Corners.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

The grain is turning out well in this locality and is of a fine sample. There is still some out yet, but the majority of farmers are through with their harvesting, and all are wearing pleasant faces with the thought that they will be able to pay off many old debts. Mr. Eyras, of Cameron, has threshed 2,100 bush of wheat for three farmers in this section.

We regret that Mr. Scott Willock has taken his departure from amongst us for the North-west. He has the best wishes of many warm friends for a safe trip and a continuance of good health.

The Post-office here, which is now in the new building, is doing a good business. Head quarters for school books and the choicest brands of tobaccos.

THE FALL SHOW.—The Fenelon Branch Agricultural Society's annual fall show is to be held in the park south of the river on Monday and Tuesday, the 28th and 29th inst., and the prize lists in pamphlet form are by this time in the hands of members.

THE NORTH STAR ROLLER MILL.—This mill, which was shut down for repairs and improvements about a fortnight ago, will be ready to start again in a very few days. Messrs. McDougall & Brandon, the enterprising proprietors, are determined to spare neither pains nor expense to keep it in the highest state of efficacy, and have just put in new rolls, new bolt cloth, new spouts and new reels, have "lined" the shafts, put rabbit metal in the boxes, and, in short, given the entire machinery a thorough overhauling.

\$300 A WEEK.—We had no idea, until we heard it a few days ago, that Mr. Samuel Swanton was paying wages to the amount of \$300 per week to men employed in handling the wood, ties etc., he buys along the line of the Victoria railway, though we knew that he was doing a large business, as he has done for many years past. Mr. Swanton is, of course, operating for his own benefit, but he is, incidentally, a public benefactor as far as Fenelon Falls is concerned, as a very large proportion of his employees have their homes in the village, and naturally spend their earnings where they live.

THE PLACE TO CAMP.—A few days ago one of the members of a party who were camping near the "Summer House" was visiting the Falls, and we heard him remark that he had camped out in various places and that the shore of Cameron Lake was the best place he had struck, as there was as good fishing, as he wanted, and it was a great convenience to be so near the village, where supplies of all kinds could be obtained. If we only had a summer hotel at Fenelon Falls, or even close to it, there is no doubt that it would be well patronized, and a large amount of money now spent elsewhere would annually find its way into the tills of our business men.

TALL GRAIN.—The *Norwood Register* says:—"Mr. T. J. Wildman, of Ashphodel, the gentleman who last week left in this office a pea vine measuring 8 feet 10½ inches in length, on Tuesday showed us a stalk of oats which measured 5 feet 7 inches in length. He says he has three acres of the latter grain which will average fully 5 feet 6 inches in height. We were also shown some very profic-rye by the same gentleman. From the two roots shown there had grown 160 stalks, each being fully developed and well laden with grain; 85 stalks sprang from one root and 75 from the other. Mr. Wildman is anxious to hear from any person who can beat these specimens."

A labor problem of a very serious nature is troubling the people of Brazil. The recent emancipation of the slaves completely demoralized the agricultural and domestic labor of the new republic. It is very difficult to get sufficient field labor to cultivate the crops, and many families are entirely without servants, and are unable to get any. The negroes positively refuse to work for less or money.

Marvellously rich gold-bearing quartz has been discovered on the Atikokan iron range, not far from Port Arthur. Surface samples broken at random run from eleven to one thousand dollars to the ton, five samples averaging \$252 per ton. That section of this district is evidently intended to produce bismuth as well as steel. The location on which the discovery was made is owned by local men, who are much elated over the prospects. It is expected that work will start immediately.

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