



Christmas Presents.

Come in and see the splendid assortment of Silverware and Lamps. What nicer present to be remembered by than something in either line? Skates for the boys and girls. Carvers in cases. Said goods will be sold same as wheat, at prices not worth handling them for. Got to go! Hard up!! Want the money!!!

Jos Heard.

Fenelon Falls, Dec'r 20th, 1892.

CAN IT BE POSSIBLE?

From the 1st to the 25th of December Only.

A Large Stock

of fine Felt Hats to be sold at 30c, worth 75c; and at 75c., worth \$1 25. Taimmed Hats from \$1 25 to \$5 00, \$6 00 and \$7 00.

A Well-selected Assortment

of the latest novelties in Fancy Ribbons, Birds' Wings, Tips, Ospreys, Woolen Hoods & Caps; also Fancy Braidi at reduced prices.

Dresses and Mantles

made in the latest styles. Always a first-class fit. *Work guaranteed.*

Ladies' Underwear

to be sold at a very reduced price.

Mrs. R. McDOUGALL,

2 doors North of the P. O., Fenelon Falls.

HERE YOU ARE!

I have on hand a number of Men's, Boys' and Youths'

OVER-COATS,

which I will sell

AT COST PRICES FOR CASH,

as I do not want to carry them over. Now is your time to get a good Over-coat cheap. These goods are

All New and of the Latest Styles,

and made by one of the best houses in the Dominion.

—ALSO—

A Large Stock of Boots and Shoes

at prices to suit the times.

Groceries, Crockery and Glass-ware.

A full line of the best goods to be had always on hand.

J. M'FARLAND,

Twomey's Block.

Fenelon Falls, January 27th, 1892.

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

A Great Change

has come over the

FARM MACHINES

—AND—

IMPLEMENTS

this year. Call and examine the

New Binders and New Mowers

set up for your inspection at

Robson's Show Room.

Nothing but the best Machines kept.

PRICES LOWER THAN EVER.

Come and examine the

New Fanning Mill

and get the prices before leaving the Falls. The best brands of

BINDER TWINE

kept in stock at the lowest prices.

Brantford Repairs Always on Hand.

Thanking my numerous customers for their liberal patronage in the past, I beg to assure them that no effort will be spared to deserve a continuance of it in the future.

THOMAS ROBSON.

Fenelon Falls, April 27th, 1892.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, January 6th, 1893.

Municipal Elections.

One, though not the chief, good resulting from the introduction of the ballot at elections is the greater quietness and freedom from disturbances than there used to be when it was known how every elector voted and how the struggle was progressing. The change for the better is to be noticed at municipal as well as at parliamentary contests; and on Monday last in this village there was little except the hurrying to and fro of sleighs and cutters, and the little knots of men around the polling places, to show that an election was in progress. The contest was keenly, though quietly, conducted by some of the candidates, and, as in most of the affairs of life, those who worked the hardest as a rule fared the best. The polls closed at 5 o'clock, and for about an hour—a somewhat longer period than usual—the electors were in a state of anxiety regarding and impatience to know the result, which was finally declared as follows:

Candidate	FOR REEVE:		Total
	Div. 1.	Div. 2.	
J. A. Ellis	72	46	118
H. W. Greene	42	38	80
	Majority for Ellis		38
FOR COUNCILLORS			
J. H. Brandon	74	55	129
J. Arnold	70	58	128
T. Austin	64	48	112
Wm. Golden	51	41	92
T. Robson	51	32	83
Wm. McKeown	44	31	75
Wm. McKendry	25	27	52

The above figures, when read out by the returning officer, occasioned no little surprise; firstly, because it was generally believed that the contest for the reeve-ship would be much closer than it proved to be, and secondly, because Mr. McKeown and Mr. Robson—who were members of the council last year, and good ones too—were left out in the cold. But Mr. Robson, either because he shared the general impression that he was sure to be re-elected or was indifferent as to the result of the contest, spent the day in helping to prepare for the Baptist church anniversary, and hardly asked a vote; and Mr. McKeown's defeat is attributed to a tiff last year between himself and councillor Austin, who, being a member of a popular family, is a somewhat mighty man in this municipality, and not to be lightly offended. The election of Mr. Arnold and Mr. Brandon was a foregone conclusion. The former, though not an old resident of the village, has been here quite long enough to gain many friends (as well as a wife) and to prove himself an active, energetic and capable business man—just the kind to make a first class councillor. All the adjectives we have applied to Mr. Arnold can be justly claimed by Mr. Brandon, who is a native of the Falls and a considerable property owner, and whose claim to a seat at the council board is so self evident that the electors showed their recognition of it by placing him at the head of the polls. Mr. Golden, the last of the successful candidates, certainly deserved his victory, for he worked hard for it, and so did all the horses in his livery stable, which were kept on the go from the opening of the polls even until the close thereof. Some say they were on the road almost before daylight, but we are inclined to doubt it, and

it was too early for us to be around taking observations. That Mr. McKendry was at the tail of the procession is not to be wondered at, as he was out of the village on election day and had no one taking active steps in his behalf. The reeve and Mr. Austin are the only two who will sit at the council board this year who have had any experience, Messrs. Arnold, Brandon and Golden being new hands, but they will no doubt soon learn their duties. The work of managing the affairs of a small municipality is, under ordinary circumstances, so simple that it is almost an insult to tell a man that he isn't equal to it, and no compliment to tell him that he is; and the individual who can't supply one-fifth the amount of brains—or, rather, one-sixth, for the reeve is expected to contribute twice as much as a councillor—required to run the political machine must be a very poor stick indeed.

As soon as the result of the elections was known a crowd of boys commenced cheering and hurrahing for the successful candidates, and a few minutes later were munching the apples that were rolled out to them by the barrelful from McDougall & Brandon's and Arnold & Graham's groceries. On Monday evening Mr. Brandon received a visit from the band, who drove out to Mr. Ellis's on Tuesday, and it is needless to say that at both houses the "boys" were called in and treated right royally.

Below we give the result of the elections in some of the neighboring municipalities:

FENELON.—Reeve, John Chambers, Jr., re-elected by acclamation; deputy reeve, W. Hall; councillors, John Curran, John Graham and J. P. Palmer.

VERULAM.—Reeve, James Lithgow; deputy reeve, John Kelly; councillors, Thomas Junkin, William Mann and David Robinson.

BOBAYGEON.—Reeve, Capt. Bottom, re-elected by acclamation; councillors, J. L. Read, E. Watts, John Kerr and

LINDSAY.—Mayor, D. Ray, by acclamation; reeve, R. Kylie by acclamation; first deputy, Harry Walters; second deputy, George Crandall.

OPS.—Reeve, E. H. Hopkins; deputy D. Walker; councillors, Robinson, Ellis and Byrne.

The Skating Rink.

Owing to pressure of work, municipal printing and municipal elections, we have not before now been able to devote time or space to a description of the new rink, which is decidedly a credit to the village and to the enterprise of the promoters. Early in the fall two or three of our villagers started the agitation, and, after some talk and a good deal of work, the stock list was subscribed to the extent of six hundred dollars. With this as a guarantee a board of directors was elected, comprising T. Robson, Pres., W. R. Madill, Vice-Pres., A. Clark, Jr., Sec., Jas. Arnold, Treas. and S. Nevison, R. M. Mason, V. S., H. Austin, J. Austin, J. H. Brandon and Jos. Heard. After due consideration the directorate decided to build the rink by day labor, and employed Mr. John Thomson to superintend its construction, and in good time the present commodious structure was completed. The dimensions are 168 feet long and 45 feet wide. Fine warm dressing rooms are on either side of the entrance, one for ladies and one for gentlemen, with a gallery over head for the band. A board walk and seats all round the sides lessen the width of the sheet of ice to 40 feet, and the length to 153 feet, making the largest covered rink in the county with the exception of the one at Lindsay. Mr. E. Chambers has been appointed caretaker and hopes soon to have the ice in first class condition, the extreme frost so far being against the making of good ice. A curling club is now being organized, and, with practise and an insight into the game, Fenelon Falls ought to turn out a rink or two of "world-beaters." A series of matches will be played during the season between Lindsay and Bobaygeon, this being a very convenient meeting place, and a few "pointers" from old hands like J. D. Flavelle and others will not come amiss to the local players. The Fenelon Falls brass band are using the gallery for practising, and play for the benefit of the skaters every week. Tuesday, the 10th inst., is fixed for the first carnival, and the management are sparing no pains to make it a success. Everybody turn out and spend an enjoyable evening.

A Loss.—On Monday last Mr. Wm. Power of Verulam lost a valuable horse, the best half of his team, but we have not been able to learn what caused its death.

Christmas Beauties.

The famous Shoe Men, JOHNSON & SISSON, have the loveliest imported Shoes and Slippers ever shown in Lindsay.

43. First Door East of Daly House.

An Explanation.

The Rev. W. Farncomb read the following explanation on Sunday last before his congregation, and desires us to insert it in this issue:—

On Tuesday evening last I was unfortunately betrayed into the use of very ungracious language towards the ladies who originated the Xmas tree. I wish publicly to state my regret at having done so.

At the same time, I would say, that it was more through a slip of the tongue than intention to offend that the words were uttered.

What I wished to express was my very hearty thanks, to state that I knew from past personal experience how much trouble a Xmas tree involved, and therefore I knew how to appreciate their kindness in undertaking it at this busy season of the year.

At the same time I thought it only honest to confess that when I first heard of the collection for the Xmas tree I had been somewhat annoyed at their not consulting me before hand, as it had upset plans I had formed for taking up a collection for another purpose.

But I certainly never intended to convey the idea that I had been much displeased, nor did I intend to convey the idea that I was at all displeased at the date of the Xmas tree, though to my great regret I found I had done so when I finished speaking.

My chief object, however, in mentioning the matter at all was to request the members of the congregation in future not to take up a collection without first consulting the churchwardens and myself.

And it was only after the words had passed my lips that I realised how they must have reflected upon the ears of these ladies, whom I most certainly did not wish to humiliate. Had I been able beforehand to hear how my words would sound they certainly would not have been spoken.

I trust those concerned will accept this public explanation as sufficient apology.

School Board Meeting.

Fenelon Falls, Dec. 29th, 1892: Board met, members all present except Mr. Ellis. Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The chairman in the chair.

Moved by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Naylor, That the application of Miss Maggie Donald of Campbellford be accepted at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Clark, That the applications of the Misses Bell and Mrs. S. Swanton as caretakers for the schools be accepted at the same salaries as last term.—Car'd.

Moved by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, That the following accounts be paid and the chairman give his orders for the same:—W. T. Junkin, \$1 90; W. R. Madill, \$1 65; Joseph Heard, \$16 84; balance due Miss Bellingham for 14 days teaching, \$14 00.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Clark, That the following accounts as paid be confirmed:—Mr. McDougall, balance of salary, \$162 59; Miss Sullivan, do. do., \$75 00; Miss Macniven, do. do., \$68 75; Mr. Batchelor, do. do., \$76 82; Miss Cameron, do. do., \$53 13; Miss Hand, do. do., \$53 13; Miss Bell, as caretaker, \$18 75; Mrs. Swanton, do., \$11 25.—Carried.

Powles's Corners.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

The annual school meeting was held at the usual time and place, Mr. John Willock being the retiring trustee. Mr. John B. Powles was elected for the ensuing year. There was a question before the ratepayers that could not be settled on that day, so another meeting was called, for the satisfaction of the ratepayers, on the following Friday evening, and a vote was taken as to whether there would be two teachers or only one, which resulted in a majority of nine against paying two teachers. This movement will lower the taxes considerably, as they have been high for the last few years.

Mr. B. H. Maybee has been engaged for 1893, which will make his tenth year's teaching in this section. This is a good showing for Mr. Maybee. Where can we find a country school that has turned out as many school teachers as Mr. Maybee's has?

Miss Levina Marshall of Toronto is spending a few days at the old home-stand.

Miss Ida Robe has gone to Port Hope, where she intends to work at the tailoring business.

Mrs. Jas. Powles is at present visiting relatives in Manvers.

Many of the people of the outports of St John's Nfld., have been obliged to kill all their cattle. Last summer's fire destroyed the grass crop and left them no means of feeding their stock.