



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 Braids 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 13th, 1893.

Rather Gloomy.

The *Globe's* two peripatetic commissioners visited Lindsay a few days ago; and the following gloomy report of the condition of the farmers of the vicinity is from the letters of Mr. H. K. Cookin, the Conservative correspondent:

"Of the surrounding country and its inhabitants it may be said at this initial stage that there is no better farming land in Canada than in and around the township of Mariposa. I wish from the bottom of my heart that I were able to write in a similarly cheerful strain regarding the condition of the inhabitants. I have less desire and smaller ability than most men to see the black side of matters, but that which I have heard from the farmers themselves distinctly proves that all the dirges I have heard in other places about hard times are comic songs to what I have listened to here. Nor have I spoken to a limited number of farmers. As a matter of fact I interviewed more farmers here than in any two places previously visited. Neither did I listen as one prepared to swallow everything uttered. In this and my next letter I shall eschew the reports of extremists, and shall submit only the evidence of those who by their intelligence and apparent trustworthiness are entitled to the credence of readers of *The Globe*.

"I was assured at the outset of the satisfactory condition of the farmer in this neighborhood. I now know how much this statement differs from the actual fact. Politicians and others spoke confidently of the ability and readiness of men whom they introduced as able to add convincing testimony to the bright state of affairs in rural circles. But, just so soon as the introducer had passed down the street, these farmers, without exception, admitted that times and circumstances could hardly be worse. If this statement is challenged, I am ready to furnish names. During an extended and interesting conversation with a dignitary of the Catholic church, I was assured that many farmers have been seized for store-debts. A well-to-do farmer stated:—"If it wasn't that my farm is unencumbered and that I have money put by I could not keep free from debt." Another farmer, who has 300 acres of land, which he works himself, says that he has steadily gone back during the last three years. With all this, there is little or no talk of annexation."

Methodist Opinion.

Dev. Dr. Douglas and Rev. Dr. Burns are two different individuals, but they are both very prominent Methodist ministers, and, therefore, their opinions of the characters of our public men are no doubt based upon much the same "factors." Sir John Thompson, the present premier of Canada, and the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, the future premier of Canada, are both Catholics, and as far as religion—or rather, as creed—*per se* is concerned are on an equality in Methodist eyes, yet there is an astounding difference in the estimate of the two men formed and expressed by the above-named clergymen. A day or two before Christmas a reporter of the *Montreal Witness* had a long interview with Dr. Douglas, who made what the *Empire* calls a "bitter attack" on Sir John Thompson, though it was

impossible not to see that the distinguished divine spoke as much in sorrow as in anger, and for every one of his withering utterances he gave substantial reasons. At Hamilton on Monday a grand Liberal banquet was given to Mr. Laurier, and it is unnecessary to say that the "silver-tongued orator," delivered a speech that took all his hearers by storm; but upon no one did it appear to make a stronger impression than upon Dr. Burns, who is reported as follows:

"Rev. Dr. Burns of Hamilton Ladies' College said that was the greatest meeting that he had ever attended. He had, however, been disappointed. He expected to hear an eloquent speech delivered with the most beautiful polish, but the words which fell from the honored guest of the evening had combined in them more than that. It was an address full of condor and straight from the heart. He knew that what Mr. Laurier said was the expression of the sincerest thoughts of his heart. (Applause.) The speaker would leave that hall feeling that he had looked upon the most beautiful face that he had ever seen, and heard the grandest address that he ever hoped to listen to. It was unspeakable pleasure for him to be there, as he believed he had met and heard a peer of the realm, place Mr. Laurier where they would."

About Hogs.

Mr. George Matthews, the well known pork packer, published last week in the *Lindsay papers*, under the above heading, a letter which we transfer to our columns, as we think it ought to be read by every farmer. The gradual decline, from various causes, of the yield and price of wheat, and to some extent of other grain also, has rendered it necessary for our farmers to go more into stock raising than they formerly did; and experience has shown that pigs, when intelligently bred and fed, are about as profitable as anything they can handle. It appears, however, that two "brands" of hogs are required, one for the Canadian market and the other for the English, and Mr. Matthews gives the recipes for producing both of them. This is what he says:—

As there was no mention of hogs on the Farmers' Institute programme, and as several parties I spoke to said there would be nothing on that subject brought up, I left the meeting just before the discussion on the hog question actually came up. Had I been present I should have taken part in it.

In discussing the kind of hogs required by packers at the present time, it will be well to remember that there are two classes of pork packers in Canada. One class of packers cut and cure meat for the Canadian trade, and the others pack and cure for the English market. For the past 30 years I have been packing for the Canadian trade, and my business connections extending from Halifax and St. John in the east to Vancouver in the west, lead me to think that I am in a position to understand the requirements of that trade, and as I am now curing and shipping bacon to England, I should know something of that trade also.

For the Canadian trade the hogs we are now buying from farmers are about as good a quality as we could desire. They are small in bone and moderately fat; the size of the bone is quite a consideration in this trade, as we take nearly all the bones out before curing, and the smaller the percentage of bones, the more valuable the hog to the packer.

For the English trade we require a hog with a good deal of lean meat, a narrow-backed, flat-sided hog, and when the side is cut across the middle, the belly is nearly as thick as the back. The Berkshire hog is the opposite to this description, when alive and fat he is a broad-backed, round-bodied hog, but when dressed the backs are thick and heavy and the bellies thin and light in weight.

If our farmers would cross the Berkshires and Suffolks with one cross of the Yorkshire white, they would have a good class of hog suitable for the English trade, but they must be fattened and sold at the right age and weight, 6 or 8 months old and weighing 170 to 220 pounds each alive.

I mention one cross of the Yorkshire White, because the Yorkshire White is a heavy boned animal, and more than one cross would give too much bone; in other respects he is a desirable hog if sold at the right age and weight, having a large quantity of lean meat in his sides, but if kept until he attains his full growth he is too heavy and coarse for any trade with which I am acquainted.

As the question of prices was spoken of at the meeting I will quote the last few lines of a letter from the *Wm. Davies Co.* of Toronto, which appeared in last Friday's daily *Globe*: "We are paying six cents for such hogs as we have been urging the farmers to produce and feed." I might also add

that I have several cars bought at the same price (six cents) to be delivered during the next three months, and am prepared to contract for more at that price. These figures are for hogs weighed off cars at Peterboro.

GEORGE MATTHEWS.

Lindsay, Jan. 3, 1893.

Skating Carnival.

The skating carnival in the new Fenelon Falls rink was held, according to announcement, on Tuesday evening last, and notwithstanding the frightfully cold weather—the mercury being down to about 20° below zero—was well attended, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Kinmount and Cobocouk all having representatives present. The rink had been artistically draped for the occasion, was well lighted by a number of mammoth lamps, and no pains had been spared by the managers or Mr. Chambers, the caretaker, to make the affair a success, as it certainly was. Though the ice, owing to the intense cold, was rather too hard, it was satisfactory in other respects, and every effort will be made to have it still better at the next carnival, which is to be held a month or so hence and will be duly announced. Some of the costumes were exceedingly good. Amongst the gentlemen Mr. Thomas Graham as a French guard appeared to be the most admired, but three or four ladies were so nearly equal that it would be hard to give the preference to either. None but masqueraders were allowed to skate until 9 o'clock, when masks were removed and the ice was thrown open to all. Exactly how many were present in "character" we cannot say, as, like the Irishman's pigs, they "wouldn't stand still to be counted," and it is thought that some few failed to leave cards with the door keeper; but the following list, which is correct as far as we can get it, shows that there were at least fifty:

Mrs. E. Chambers,	Army Girl.
Mabel Nevison,	Japanese Lady.
Mary Nevison,	Winter.
Miss M. McArthur,	Midnight.
Miss S. Haskill,	Gypsy.
Miss Robson,	Nox (Goddess of Night).
Miss Heeley,	Italian Girl.
Mamie Nevison,	Morning.
Ella Austin, The Fenelon Falls Gazette,	Night.
Miss May Vanvalkenberg,	Milkmaid.
Miss Nellie Gidley,	Irish Washerwoman.
Miss Lib Austin,	Milkmaid.
Miss Bertha Gidley,	Urania.
Miss Hand,	Mary, Queen of Scots.
Miss Edith Hand,	Evangeline.
Alice Hand,	Egyptian.
Miss Kate Austin,	Italian Girl.
Miss Bella Sanderson,	Housemaid.
Miss Ida Burgess,	Milkmaid.
Miss Ingram,	Highland Lassie.
Miss Greene,	Equestrienne.
Miss M. Jordan,	Housemaid.
Violet Wilson,	Rainbow.
Lily Wilson,	Red Riding-Hood.
Herb Sandford,	Mounted Police.
J. W. Smelser,	Santa Claus.
Ed. Fyson,	Medical Student.
Thos. Edwards,	Shanty Boy.
James Graham,	Band Boy.
H. Nevison,	Clown.
F. Edgar, Bobcaygeon Board of Health,	McGinty.
—Steele,	McGinty.
W. S. Scott,	Greek.
E. Edmond,	Turk.
G. Dobbie,	Uncle Sam.
W. Jordan,	Starlight.
D. Twomey,	Variety Duce.
William Ingram,	Spanish Gentleman.
G. A. Harris,	Edmond Dauntis.
H. Harris,	Diamond Dyes.
S. Heaps,	Irish Gentleman.
Harry Robson,	French Guard.
Thos. Graham,	King of Diamonds.
Finlay Robson,	Scotch Laddie.
Mac Clark,	Jockey.
J. Bowman,	Witch of Endor.
Joe Robson,	Dude.
Jas. Arnold,	Zero.
Mac McCallum,	

Personals.

Miss Annie Rutherford is visiting friends in Pontypool.

Mrs. Wm. Campbell is visiting her relatives near Montreal.

Reeve J. A. Ellis visited Toronto on business this week, returning on Wednesday.

Miss Carl of Cobocouk and her brother Arthur were visiting at Mr. C. Curtis's at the Falls from Tuesday until Thursday.

Mr. John St. Lawrence of Lindsay passed through the village on Monday on his way to Bobcaygeon and returned on Wednesday.

Mr. John Thomson spent a couple of days in Port Hope on business the first part of this week, and left the Falls yesterday for Saginaw, Michigan.

Mrs. R. K. McKenzie of Toronto left for home yesterday morning, after a six weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Curtis, Sr., of Verulam.

Rev. D. N. McCamus has gone to Marmora for a couple of weeks, to conduct special services with his brother stationed in that village. His pulpit will be filled next Sunday morning and evening by Messrs J. L. Allen and C. K. Calhoun, of Lindsay, who filled it very acceptably one Sabbath recently.

Fire destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property at Rio Janeiro on Friday.