

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED AWAY,

A year with lots of trouble financially for the men in business. As I have had my share of it, I ask my customers who have not settled last year's account to come forward and settle at once. It gives me a good light heart, it eases theirs, it saves a lot of anxiety and worry of mind and enables me to pay off my own liabilities and to cheerfully serve with a glad heart my customers for the coming year.

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THE "IDEAL" WIND-MILLS.

THOMAS ROBSON has secured the agency for the Gould, Shapley & Muir Co's "Ideal" Pumping Wind Mills. The Freeport Journal contains the following notice of these Mills:

"The citizens of Freeport always take pride in the progress of its citizens, and especially in the development of its industries, for much of our prosperity depends on their success. We have a number of strong and enterprising manufacturing concerns in this city, and among them the Stover manufacturing company occupies a leading place. Their exhibit at the World's Fair has been the centre of attraction in the windmill division all summer, and energetic Mr. John M. Irwin, superintendent of agencies, with able assistance, has had his hands full and his tongue more than ordinarily busy explaining the merits of the Ideal Pumping Wind Mill and Ideal Junior Sectional Power Mill, and booking orders for them. Mr. Irwin reports business done with numerous foreign countries, and within the last few weeks the company has arranged with a live Canadian firm, Messrs. Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., (Ltd.), of Brantford, Canada, to manufacture and sell the Ideal and Ideal Junior wind-mills, exclusively in Canada. Mr. E. L. Gould, president, and Mr. John Muir, vice-president, were in the city recently arranging the details, and they report the prospects for business in Canada as excellent. Mr. Muir, who, by the way, is a noted salesman, said some very complimentary things about the members of the Stover Manufacturing company, and their honorable way of doing business, also about the excellence of their goods, but we will not tell more for fear it might make the worthy members of that company blush. We can endorse all Mr. Muir said about their business enterprise and integrity."

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Government Officials.

In his address before the Young Men's Liberal Club at Toronto on Monday evening, Sir Oliver Mowat dealt exhaustively with what he truly says is "the only subject on which the Patrons of Industry have anything in their platform against the policy or administration of the Reform Government of Ontario," viz, the proper or best mode of choosing and paying certain officials who are now appointed by the Government and paid by fees. The Patrons appear to be of the opinion that such officials ought to be either appointed by the county council or elected by the people and paid stated salaries; but we think every impartial and fair-minded reader of Sir Oliver's address will be convinced by it that any change from the present system would be what an Irishman once spoke of as "an improvement for the worse." In the United States the system that the Patrons would introduce into Canada is productive of the one great evil that an official who has many influential friends or relatives, or who belongs to several societies, may retain his position in spite of negligence, incompetency or even dishonesty; while here any reasonable complaint will at once be attended to by the Inspector, who has the power of dismissal and will exercise it, if necessary, at any moment. In some cases the change from fees to salaries asked for by the Patrons has been made, and always with the result that the fees fell off and there was a loss to the Province. The present system of appointments and payments has always been in vogue, is not a Reform innovation, as some of the Patrons have probably been led to believe, and is undoubtedly the best that can be devised. An official who is paid by fees instead of by salary is paid in exact proportion to the work he does, which is fair and reasonable; and to prevent those in large centres from deriving inordinate incomes from their offices, a considerable portion of their earnings—in some cases as much as fifty per cent.—over a fixed amount has to be paid by them to their respective counties. The assertion that partyism influences the appointments is quite true, but so it would be if the officials were appointed by the county councils or elected by the people, and it is not claimed that better men would obtain office under the proposed new system than under the system now prevailing. It speaks volumes in favor of the Ontario Government that their method of appointing officials is the only thing with which the Patrons of Industry find fault, and that they go even that far is due to the influence of the Tory members of the organization, who are prepared at any moment to magnify a molehill into a mountain if they happen to want one and can't find one ready-made.

Ichabod Hughes.

"Thou wear a lion's hide! doff it for shame,
And hang a calf's-skin on those recreant
limbs."
—Shakespeare.

The question "Which Licked?" asked in our last issue with reference to the encounter between Reeve Kylie and Sam Hughes in Lindsay on the 2nd inst. has been answered categorically and dogmatically, and answered just as we expected it would be. After the fracas the reeve laid an information against the major for an assault, and the trial, which was held in the town hall on Friday, lasted from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. without an intermission for refreshments, and the court room was so crowded from start to finish that even the "rat" from Fenelon Falls could not have worked his way in, a statement that will be ratified by all who were present. Mr. Hughes was outsworn at every point by a number of reputable witnesses, who tore his illusory statement in the *Warder* of the 8th to rags and tatters, and gave substantial grounds for the remark we heard made in Lindsay on Saturday that "there would have been mighty little left of Sam in about five minutes if Kylie had not been pulled off him." All the evidence went to show that the hitherto-alleged gallant major was the aggressor by both tongue and fist, and, therefore, Police Magistrate McIntyre inflicted a fine of \$15 and costs, to the great delight of the vast majority of the persons present. Constable Short had summoned both parties for fighting on the street; but the magistrate decided that Mr. Kylie was only acting in self defence when he knocked his assailant down; and he (Mr. K.) discreetly refrained from stating then and there, as he did elsewhere, that, if he had not been prevented, he would have rolled Sam over in the snow and blackened his eyes. That was the worst he intended to do, because the two "facers" he had received did not hurt him, and he had achieved so easy a victory that he felt almost grateful to his fallen foe for affording him an opportunity of acquiring glory at so cheap a rate.

Ever since Sam Hughes inflicted himself on this county the one great aim and object of his existence has been to exalt himself and insult and vilify everybody who wouldn't take him at his own price, and suits for libel and general detestation have been the natural result; and such popularity as he has enjoyed for a long time past was chiefly based upon what proved to be a delusion, that his many faults were at least partly compensated for by a heroic courage that would enable him to beard a lion in its den or go to Ulster at a moment's notice. His reputation for heroism did not, as far as we can learn, rest on a very solid foundation, bullying boys and men physically weaker than himself, and gracefully backing out at the last moment from a fight with his equals in strength, being the greatest feats recorded of him by history; but he walked the streets with a tread-on-the-tail-of-my-coat swagger and tried to look as much like Ajax defying the lightning as he could, and these performances, backed up by a fine physique and dark hints set afloat by himself of his direful doings in the dim and distant past, led the unthinking masses to believe that he really was a hero and no mistake. But, how has the mighty fallen! In a moment of madness he forgot the first law of nature, self-preservation, and now he lies dethroned in the dust and the scales have fallen from the eyes of his dupes. In the expressive words of Chaucer (or somebody else) "he bit off more than he could chew" when he tackled Reeve Kylie, and henceforth let him be called Ichabod, for his glory has departed, and let his photographs, with which North Victoria is inundated, be recalled and those of Mr. Kylie be circulated instead. Though Sam has gone down at least ninety per cent. in public estimation, he of course has his sympathizers and apologists who are giving all sorts of reasons for his ignominious defeat; but, let them say what they will, the fact remains that *Major* Hughes, after first insulting and then striking a civilian several pounds lighter than himself, showed the white feather so conspicuously that if he were in the regular army he would probably be cashiered for conduct unbecoming an officer or a gentleman. Some think he is to be pitied. Perhaps he is; but he isn't to be pitted against such men as Mr. Kylie. By a strange coincidence we were asked the other night what we thought of some school-book sentences that had been given to the fifth class pupils to put into simpler language, and the second of which was as follows:—

"He found on examination a contusion of the integuments under the orbit, with an extravasation of blood and ecchymosis of the surrounding tissue, which was in a tumefied state, and also with a slight abrasion of the cuticle."

"Why," we exclaimed in astonishment, "that's exactly what the doctor would have found on an examination of Sam Hughes, if Mr. Kylie hadn't been

prevented from giving him a crack or two after he had knocked him down."

Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, January 13th, 1894. Council met at the call of the reeve. Member present, J. A. Ellis, reeve, and councillors Brandon, Austin and Arnold. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The clerk read a communication from Messrs. McSweyn and Anderson re the electric light by-law.

Moved by Mr. Brandon, seconded by Mr. Austin, That we refer Messrs. McSweyn & Anderson's communication re the electric light contract to John A. Barron, village solicitor.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Brandon, That the following accounts be paid and the reeve give his order for the same: J. A. Ellis, interest on note in Dominion bank, \$2 50; H. Austin, wood to Wise, Mrs. Frisby and lock-up, \$9 25; John Jones, salary, \$12 50, commission on dog tags and poll tax, \$7 20; W. T. Junkin, salary, \$8 33, registering B. M. and D., \$3 30; P. Kelly, sanitary inspector, 26 days at 50 cents, \$13; James Dickson, rent of hall for division court, \$30; John A. Barron, account, \$25; Wm. Jordan, ½ year's rent of hall, \$25; John Aldous, entertaining tramps, \$1; Geo. Jackett, balance of account for 1893, \$155; John Power, on account, \$25.—Carried.

Mr. Anstin gives notice of a by-law to amend by-law No. 271 at this meeting of the council.

By-law read three times and passed. Mr. Austin gives notice of a by-law to empower the clerk to sign by-law No. 268 at this meeting of the council.

By-law read three times and passed. Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Austin, That this council now adjourn.—Carried.

Fenelon Falls, January 15th, 1894.

Members of the council met pursuant to statute. Members present, Joseph McFarland, reeve, and councillors Brandon, Sandford, Martin and Golden. After taking and subscribing to the necessary declarations of qualification and office, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Brandon gives notice of a by-law to extend the time for the collection of taxes at this meeting.

By-law read three times and passed. Moved by Mr. Brandon, seconded by Mr. Sandford, that the council adjourn until Friday night, the 19th inst., at 7.30 o'clock.—Carried.

The Carnival.

The first carnival of the season was held in the Fenelon Falls skating rink on Monday evening last, and, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, was well patronized, a number of skaters from Lindsay and Bobcaygeon helping to swell the attendance. The following is a list of those in costume:—

Miss Bella Sanderson,	Dawn.
Miss Mabel Nexison,	Japanese Lady.
Miss Mabel Sandford,	Spanish Dancer.
Miss Heaslip,	Yum Yum.
Miss Emma Deyman,	Flower Girl.
Miss Minnie Archer,	Gypsy Girl.
Miss Fanny C. Brandon,	Czarini.
Miss Speers,	Snow Ball.
Miss Minnie Chambers,	Dime Girl.
Miss A. Aldous,	Daisy May.
Sabina Martin,	Gipsy Fortune Teller.
Miss E. Kerchmer (Bobcaygeon),	Morningg.
Mary Navison,	Old Lady.
Jenny Graham,	Dime Girl.
W. Ritchie,	Rainbow.
H. Lyons,	Russian.
Harry Robson,	Amsterdam.
Tommy E. Archer,	Fireman No. 23.
Clare McArthur,	Young Mexican.
R. DeLury,	Paris.
W. Patterson,	What Am I?
Frank Ruthertford,	Irish Gentleman.
W. W. Scott,	Indian Chief.
S. Irwin (Lindsay),	Irish Washerwoman.
W. B. McCoy,	Chief of Police.
A. Gillies,	Golden Giant.
Ralph Brown (Bobcaygeon),	McGinty.
Malcolm Clark,	General Wolfe.
Cecil Dayman,	Jim Crow.
Willie Sandford,	Dude.
Fred Martin,	Colored Gentleman.
Thos. Graham, President	Royal Electric Co.
Fred Cullon,	The Mysterious Man.
Chas. Edwards,	Dead Game Sport.
Joseph Robson,	Sailor.
J. Smith,	William the Conqueror.
George Wright,	Shepherd.
Fred McKeown,	Irish Washerwoman.
Dennis Twomey,	Boss of the Ranch.
J. Brandon,	Ticket Agent.
Reggie Sandford,	French Cook.
Lewis Deyman,	Darky Girl.
Charlie Fox,	Old Woman.
Percy Knox,	Jockey.
T. Austin,	Master of Ceremonies.

Powles's Corners.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Mr. Joseph Perrin intends to build a dwelling house next summer. Mr. James Wagar already has the contract for the carpenter work. Since Mr. Wagar came to Fenelon he has built between fifteen and twenty dwelling houses and barns, besides doing numerous other jobs of carpenter work, one of which was assisting in framing the timber for the red mill at Fenelon Falls. Mr. Wagar came with his brother Ephraim from the township of Camden, and owns fifty acres on the lake shore,