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THOS. ROBSON.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, Feb. 7th, 1896.

Cape Breton Election.

Sir Charles Tupper was elected in Cape Breton on Tuesday by a majority of 724—four less than the Conservative majority in 1891. That Sir Charles, with all the influences in his favor, would be defeated was not expected by anyone; but the infamous and insulting pastoral letter issued just before the election by Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, who stigmatises as "hell-inspired hypocrites" all who opposed the Government, no doubt added largely to Tupper's majority. The writer of an open letter to the Archbishop of Toronto, published in the *Globe* of the 30th ult., points out that a persistence of priestly interference in elections may lead to an amendment of the British North American Act and the utter abolition of separate schools; and Bishop Cameron and other ecclesiastical dignitaries of his stripe will, if they are wise, "watch out" that they do not go a little too far.

A Pedagogic Difficulty.

The following letter, addressed to the editor of the *Lindsay Post*, appeared in a recent issue of that paper: "Sir,—In reading the very full report which you publish of the recent meeting of the Farmers' Institute, I notice that your reporter has omitted what I considered one of the most important statements made by any of the speakers at any of the sessions. Mr. J. H. Knight stated during the discussion on the condition of schools in rural sections that the schools in his inspectorate are not so well taught to-day as they were twenty-five years ago. This is a painful comment on the progress which we boast of in our institutions of to-day. Of the eleven teachers employed in the schools of Ops, seven, according to Mr. Knight, have not had more than two years' experience. Mr. Knight is a gentleman who knows whereof he speaks, and I presume the state of things in Ops is a fair indication of what prevails throughout Ontario. This painful subject should engage the attention of the general public who desire to have their children taught properly, and it should be a matter of reform for those who are specially charged with the control of our rural schools. It is believed generally, and without reason, it seems, at least in Ops, that the children are being better educated to-day than their fathers and mothers were a quarter of a century ago. It is time for the parents to look into this all-important matter. Yours,

AN OLD TEACHER."

The remark, attributed in the above letter to Mr. Knight, relative to inexperienced teachers, was made by one of the speakers at the Farmers' Institute meeting held here on the 17th ult., and it occurred to us at the time that if lads and lasses with brand new certificates were to be debarred from teaching until they had had several years' experience, it would puzzle them exceedingly to obtain the several years' experience necessary to qualify them to teach. We agree with Mr. Knight that the children in his (and every other) inspectorate are not so well taught as they were twenty-five years ago, before the present pernicious system of burdening the pupils' memories with a lot of useless lumber prevailed; but that, probably, is not what he meant, though in what other respect the schools of to-day are inferior to those of a quarter of a century ago he does not inform us. An "Old Teacher" it will be observed, does not speak of his own knowledge, but simply draws the attention of the

public to Mr. Knight's statement, possibly in the hope that some re-education that will benefit old teachers at the expense of young ones will result therefrom. In our opinion teachers, like poets, are "born, not made," and every teacher who is scholar enough to take a third class certificate is able to give his or her pupils as good an education as ought to be obtainable in our State schools. If Mr. Knight's apparent idea that inexperienced teachers shall not be employed finds favor with the makers of scholastic law, it will create a pedagogic difficulty that will take the wit of the Minister of Education and all the Inspectors in the Province to solve. Besides, in the good old times, twenty-five years ago, when it was much easier to get a certificate than it is at present, young teachers were as inexperienced as they are now, and yet, according to Mr. Knight, their pupils were better taught than those of to-day are. Does it not occur to him that the fault may not be with either the teachers or the children, but with The System, which confuses and possibly enervates the intellects of both by a jumbled multiplicity of studies, and yet, as the Minister of Education has admitted, leaves children under the necessity of attending private schools to fit them for the business of life?

Chaffing the "Great Stretcher."

The *Hamilton Herald* says: "Sir Charles Tupper has been giving the people of Cape Breton some interesting information about himself since he began to make a sound greater than the sound of the sounding sea. It appears that he discovered America, built Niagara Falls, invented the steam engine, cooked the first Welsh rabbit and taught the ice to grow on the face of chilled and chilling waters. It was Tupper who gave to the world the discovery of printing, built the Eiffel tower and the Ferris wheel, managed the World's Fair, noticed the attraction of gravitation, planned all Napoleon's campaigns, discovered electricity, fashioned the first ploughshare, invented the domestic cat, taught hens how to lay eggs and grandmothers how to suck them. It was Tupper who led the charge of the Light Brigade and personally supervised every victory that Great Britain has ever won on land or sea. And Tupper is only beginning. He has done much, but, by ginger, he means to do more. Singlehanded he will conquer the world and lay it all at Canada's feet, if he has to use up all the capital in every type-casting machine in the country. There is no doubt that when Tupper was born the old earth staggered in its course, while sun, moon and stars rubbed their eyes and wondered what the deuce was up."

Death of Thomas Adam.

The evening *Post* of Monday last says: "The public will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Thomas Adam, a well-known citizen of Lindsay, which occurred early this morning from pneumonia. Few knew of Mr. Adam's illness, as he was out and well on Monday last. On Tuesday he took a chill and had an attack of inflammation, from which he was recovering, and nothing serious was thought of until Saturday, when dangerous symptoms manifested themselves and he grew rapidly worse, becoming unconscious on Sunday afternoon, and never rallied. Mr. Adam was a familiar figure on the streets of Lindsay, having lived in the town all his life. He had been latterly engaged in farming and stock raising, having a large stock ranch at Bolsover. Mr. Adam was in the prime of life, and his sudden death will be deeply regretted by many. He leaves a widow—a daughter of the late Dr. Clarke—and three infant children, two daughters and one son, to whom we tender our sympathy in their sore bereavement." Deceased was a brother of Mrs. G. H. Hopkins, and son of the late T. R. Adams, who was one of the most prominent and prosperous residents of Lindsay forty years ago.

Accidents.

An employee of Messrs. Howry & Sons named Oscar Winters, from Saginaw East, Michigan, met with a very serious accident in Long's camp, beyond Haliburton, on Monday evening last. He was engaged in top loading with an anchor chain and block, when the chain snapped and one end struck him on the left leg, breaking both bones midway between the knee and the ankle, the larger one being so badly shattered that a splinter about an inch long was driven completely through the flesh. Had he been standing almost anywhere but in the "angle," which is an exceedingly dangerous spot, he would probably have escaped unhurt. He was driven in a sleigh to Haliburton, a distance of 28 miles, to take the train to Fenelon Falls,

and is now an inmate of Dr. Wilson's hospital, a ticket for which he had the good sense to buy. So far he is doing fairly well, though suffering a good deal of pain.

Samuel Cooper of Toronto, one of Howry & Son's employees, came from Camp No. 21, Gooderham, to Fenelon Falls on Wednesday with an injured side, having fallen from the top of a skidway about a fortnight ago. Since then he has been able to do but very little work, and having a ticket of admission to Dr. Wilson's hospital, he thought he would avail himself of his privilege of treatment and rest.

A Narrow Escape.

Last Tuesday night Mr. Joseph Heard sat up from 9 o'clock, at which hour his store was closed, until about 11, reading, and shortly before he retired he noticed that there was a good deal of smoke in the room. Thinking it was caused by an accumulation of soot in a chimney, or in one of the pipes leading from the furnace in the cellar, he went to bed and slept the sleep of the just; but when Nelson Corbett went into the private office near the back of the store next morning, he discovered that a square of carpet on the floor had been partially destroyed by fire, which had also burned a small hole completely through the double flooring and badly charred the boards for a considerable distance around. Mr. Heard thinks that he must have carelessly dropped a lighted match upon the carpet, and it is almost a miracle that the consequences were not more serious, as a basket made of open wire work and partly filled with scraps of paper stood between the edge of the carpet and the wall of the office, which is quite small, and on one side there is a nest of pigeon holes, reaching almost to the floor, out of which the ends of bills, invoices and other documents were protruding.

Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, Feb. 3rd, 1896. Regular meeting. All the members present except Councillor Martin. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the following accounts be paid: Clerk, salary to Jan. 1st, 1896, \$12.50—births, deaths and marriages, \$7.80—postage and stationery, \$2.50; Hart & Riddell, stationery, \$3.39.—Carried. A by-law to appoint an assessor was read and passed, and Mr. John R. Graham was appointed at a salary of \$35. By-laws to extend the time for the collection of taxes and to borrow \$216 were read and passed and the council adjourned.

Personals.

Miss Heaslip of Barrie is visiting at Mr. Thos. Austin's.
Mr. George Corneil of Lindsay was at the Falls on Friday last.
Miss Mabel Nevison returned home on Monday after a week's visit to friends at Lindsay.
Miss Georgie McClelland of Bobcaygeon is visiting relatives in Fenelon Falls and its vicinity.
Mr. A. Clark, Jr., left on Wednesday morning for Winnipeg, and will probably be away about three weeks.
Mr. George Knox, son of Mr. Andrew Knox of Verulam, returned from Havoclock a few days ago and will remain at home all winter.
Mrs. W. M. Robson and her daughter Miss Louie, of Lindsay, have been at the Falls since last week visiting at Mr. Thos. Robson's, Francis street west.
Mr. Charles Stevens of Napanee, of which thriving town he has twice been mayor, came to the Falls on business last Tuesday evening and is here yet.
Mr. A. Clark, Sr., came down town on Tuesday for the first time since Saturday, the 25th ult., when one of his ribs was broken and his forehead badly cut by a fall on the main street.

Powles's Corners.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

The McGee Bros. are wintering a large stock. At present they have 40 head of cattle, and are fattening 10 of that number for the Easter market. The contents of the silo are giving good satisfaction. They also have 50 pigs, and about a dozen or fifteen of that number can be got ready for market on short notice, but the market must get ready first. They also have seven or eight horses, two teams of which are always ready for light or heavy work, and a very nice flock of Leicester sheep. If the person who has a grievance against the school trustees and who got legal advice from the *Family Herald* office, Montreal, had shown a little friendship and a conciliatory spirit, there would have been no grievance at all. This person also finds fault with the school house being cold every morn-