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THE NEXT SIX WEEKS.

Fenelon Falls, 10th November, 1896.

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Only want to be tried, and then, after taking into consideration style and prices of my different lines of

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Tailoring to Suit the Times.

GOOD TWEED SUITS \$12. FRIEZE OVERCOATS \$10.

Or anything you require in the Tailoring line at rock bottom prices; quality, fit and make guaranteed.

S. PENHALE, THE TAILOR,
Opposite Jos. Heard's.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, December 11th, 1896.

Electric Light.

The November number of the *Municipal World* contains an article on electric light in villages, and instances the village of Johnson, with a population of only 600, in Vermont, about thirty miles south of the Canadian border. Tired of dark streets and coal oil lamps in their houses, the people bought an abandoned mill site and dam, a turbine wheel and an electric light plant at a total cost of \$5,600, and the cost of operation is so small that the yearly rates for lighting private residences are as follows:

First light in each living room or hall	\$ 3 00
Each extra light in each living room or hall	1 50
Each light in cellar	1 00
First light in each sleeping room, bath room and pantry extra	1 50
Each extra light in sleeping room, bath room and pantry	1 00
Each light in barn or shed	1 00

Stores, hotels and public halls pay slightly different rates but the receipts for private lighting during the last financial year were about \$1,000. They pay an engineer a salary of \$425, and insurance and trifling incidental expenses do not greatly exceed \$100 per annum. The streets are lighted by incandescent lamps, which give great satisfaction and are far preferable to arc lamps at long distances from each other. The above information is of especial interest to our villagers just at present, as a movement to re-establish electric lights on our main street is now on foot.

Taxes on Improvements.

Under the above heading the *London Advertiser* says:—

"The town of Walkerville has an exemption by-law which worked so well for the stated term of years which it had been in existence that it has been re-enacted. The by-law, to encourage building, provides that houses worth not less than \$700, erected for the use of the owner, shall for the next six years be exempt from all taxation except school tax, and that on the assessed value of the land. This is an adaptation of the Henry George system for raising public revenues, though it is said that the originators of the scheme were not students of the works of that political economist. They took the common sense ground that a tax on improvements is a discouragement to promoting the erection of buildings or of making additions to those already in existence, and thereby a discouragement to the employment of labor. The practical men of Walkerville have managed to keep the taxes down to seven mills, whereas in the neighboring city of Windsor the rate is 24 mills."

Walkerville has taken a step in the right direction, but we fancy there will be some difficulty about re-imposing the tax at the end of six years, and, in the meantime, persons who are only able to build small houses worth less than \$700 will certainly be dissatisfied. Henry George's idea of raising all revenue off land and taxing nothing else is rapidly gaining ground, and there is no doubt that sooner or later it will be generally adopted. The *Advertiser* says that the people of Walkerville are not political economists but they possess common sense; and it is the common sense as well as the common justice of George's system that commends it so strongly to all who understand it and have not personal reasons for opposing it. The abolition of the liquor traffic and of taxes on the work of men's hands will make this earth a much better place to live on, and both are coming, sure.

Starving Cattle.

A paragraph in one of our exchanges says that a London (Ont.) dairyman named Thorburn was summoned on a charge of leaving some young cattle to starve to death in an open field, and it is to be hoped that he was heavily fined for his barbarous cruelty. Very few persons allow their cattle to die of rapid starvation, but every winter thousands perish from insufficient food and exposure to cold, while many others are what is called "on the lifts" in the spring, which means that they are not able to rise without assistance. Whether slow or quick starvation inflicts the greatest suffering upon the unfortunate brutes we do not know; but the man who subjects them to either renders himself liable to severe punishment, and the wretched condition of the unfortunate creatures has frequently filled us with such burning indignation that we have been more than half inclined to put the law in force against their heartless owners. And the cruelty of starving and neglecting live stock is no greater than the stupidity of it, as the profit on any animal is above the food it eats over and above the quantity necessary

to keep it from deteriorating in weight, and there is no greater economiser of food and promoter of thrift, in winter, than good warm stabling. In this reading age the majority of farmers know that whatever is good for their cattle is good for their own pockets, and from self interest if not from the promptings of humanity, take the best care of them that circumstances permit; but there are still a great many who do not, and they will probably be surprised to learn that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals takes cognizance of such apparently trivial offences as neglecting to provide poultry with water or turning a dog out at night to sleep in the snow. There is passive, as well as active cruelty, and in the opinion of all thoughtful persons one is fully as bad as the other. It is no worse to cruelly maltreat an animal with a club, than it is to allow it to slowly perish from cold and hunger.

Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, Dec. 8th, 1896.

Council met at the call of the reeve. All present except Councillor Dayman. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Robson, That the following accounts be paid and the reeve give his orders for the same: Jos. Heard, hardware account, \$37.97; P. Campo, work on drain, \$2; George Martin, charity account, \$8.28; R. McKay, two days' work on streets, \$2; Geo. Jackett, wood, charity, \$4.75; C. D. Barr, filling plan of village, \$6.00; T. Robson, repairing pump, 50 cents.—Carried.

Mr. Mason gives notice of a by-law to be introduced at this meeting to regulate municipal elections.

By-law introduced and read a first time. By-law read a second time in committee of the whole without amendment, Mr. Mason in the chair. By-law read a third time and passed, signed and sealed by the reeve.

Providence.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

Quite a number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. Wm. Junkin on the evening of Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Miss Jemima, to Mr. Thomas Hetherington. The bride, who was prettily attired in brown cashmere, was supported by her sister, Miss Susan, and the groom by Mr. Fred Chambers of Fenelon Falls. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Shier of Bobcaygeon in his usual pleasant manner. The ceremony over, a sumptuous wedding supper was served to about seventy guests, who did ample justice to the delicacies. Mr. John Wilson and others helped to entertain by providing first class music. Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington have the hearty good wishes of all, and we wish them a happy wedded life. The following is a list of the presents, which together made a most beautiful collection of articles, both useful and ornamental:

- Mrs. Hetherington, Sr., bedroom set.
- Susie Junkin, set smoothing irons.
- John Junkin, half dozen knives and forks.
- Will Junkin, pair scissors.
- Miss Maggie Junkin, set glassware and half dozen silver spoons.
- Mr. Chambers, parlor table.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sproule, pair curtain poles.
- Mr. and Mrs. Stinson, silver sugar bowl.
- Miss Maud Bell, parlor lamp.
- Walter Bell, carving set.
- Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Junkin, parlor clock.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Junkin, parlor lamp.
- Mr. and Miss Walsh, parlor lamp.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hetherington, Jr., fancy table cover.
- Mr. and Mrs. Staples, teapot and bread set.
- Miss L. Hetherington, pair pillow shams.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. Hetherington, table cover.
- Mr. and Miss Wilson, table drape.
- Mr. Thomas Curtis, set glassware.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, fruit dish.
- Mr. J. Pisk, fancy table cover.
- Mr. McKinnon, cheese tray.
- Mr. and Miss Wray, tea set.
- Mr. I. Hetherington and Miss Ede, lemonade set.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Junkin, half dozen silver knives.
- Miss L. Junkin, silver butter knife.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walsh, pair blankets.
- Mr. C. Burgoyne, pair blankets.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, fancy bed spread.

DENTAL.—Dr. Neelands, dentist, of Lindsay, will be at the McArthur House, Fenelon Falls, on Monday, the 14th inst., on the arrival of the train from Lindsay. He will remain all day Tuesday. Call early and secure an appointment. Teeth extracted by gas.

FARMERS' MEETING.—Don't forget the East Victoria Farmers' Institute meeting in Dickson's hall to-morrow afternoon and evening, commencing at 1:30 and 7:30. The programme—copies of which were circulated some days ago through the village—is a good one, and embraces subjects of interest to gardeners and poultry keepers as well as to dairymen and farmers. Those who are wise enough to attend will acquire information that sooner or later is sure to prove valuable.

S. A. NOTES.—Adjutant Hay, the travelling inspector of the Children's Work of the Salvation Army, will visit Fenelon Falls on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 16th and 17th. Plan of meetings: Wednesday, 6:30 p. m., children's service; 8 p. m., adults; Thursday, 8 p. m., adults.

A SNAKE SEEN.—On Mr. John Perryman's farm in Verulam a large garter snake was seen wriggling about in the snow, last Monday, by one of Mr. Perryman's sons and Mr. George Metcalfe, his next door neighbor. What induced it to leave its home and go wandering around at this time of year is a mystery.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the last regular meeting of L. O. L. No. 996 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., Bro. John Aldous; D. M., Bro. Neil McGillivray; Chap., Bro. Lewis Dayman; Rec. Sec., Bro. Thomas Austin; Fin. Sec., Bro. William McKeown; Treas., Bro. R. M. Mason (re-elected); Sec., Bro. Joseph McGee; D. of C., Bro. Thos. Johnston; Committee, Bros. Nelson Hill, Joseph Nevison, William Golden, William Sanderson and Robert Palmer.

SELLING OFF at cost for the next 30 days at Mrs. R. McDougall's.

FINISHED.—The work of equipping the railway bridge with the "Interlocking Switch and Signal System" was finished on Tuesday, and Mr. Allan, who superintended it, left next morning. It is now impossible to open the bridge unless the semaphores are up or to lower them until it is closed and locked again, and any engineer who passes a raised semaphore on any plea whatever is instantly dismissed. The cost of the "system" on this bridge was about \$800, but on some it is much higher.

"WOMAN."—Rev. A. Carman, D. D., General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will deliver his celebrated lecture on the "Worth and Work of Woman" in the Methodist church here on Monday, December 21st. There will be a programme of music, etc. in connection. Doors open at 7:30. Chair taken at 8 p. m. Admission 15c. Children 10c. Sermons will be preached by Rev. A. Carman, D. D., on Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 10:30 and 7 p. m. Christmas thankoffering collections at each service.

THE HOME JOURNAL.—The *Canadian Home Journal* for December, published in Toronto, edited by the well-known writer, Faith Fulton, late of *The Empire*, has just reached us. It is artistically gotten up, full of the Xmas spirit, well illustrated, and in every way justly lays claim to be the leading ladies' paper of Canada. Lady Aberdeen herself, President of the National Council of Women, edits and controls the department devoted to the interests of this influential organization. Music, Art, Fashions, Games, The Household, fascinating and seasonable stories written specially for the Journal, bright, timely articles on books, people and current events are among its leading features, and commend it to every woman in the Dominion. Single copies 10 cents, or \$1.00 a year. Address, Home Journal Publishing Co., Globe Building, Toronto.

A Sunderland lady writes Dr. Neelands that he had made her a successful fit after having eight sets of teeth made in Toronto and elsewhere. —43t

RETURN THE BELL.—Mr. George Perryman, of lot 22 con. 5 of Somerville, one of the *Gazette's* model subscribers, as he almost invariably pays in advance, tells us that he lost a steer, two years old, on the 23rd of October. The animal was in good condition, and as it was never known to leave the other cattle, and disappeared during the night from a well fenced yard, the gate of which was found closed in the morning, Mr. Perryman cannot get rid of an idea that it was stolen; and he says that, if his suspicion is correct, he will feel obliged if the person who took the steer will return the bell it was wearing, as he has had it so long that he misses its familiar and melodious voice. As he doesn't expect it to be brought to his house or handed to him or any member of his family, he suggests that it be hung to the post of his gate after dark, or put in some place around his premises where it is sure to be found.

John Mills, a keeper in the Kingston penitentiary, has fallen heir to an estate of \$140,000 in Scotland.

Mr. D. A. Fraser, of Norwood, purchased a white mink skin from Isaac Dunn, of Trent Bridge. The skin is on exhibition at his store.

Unloaded on the Louisville market one morning were 763 squirrels, which a farmer just out of town had killed with a club in his cornfield.

A Yorkshire vicar who quarrelled with the "Squire of the parish" has been put under a boycott by the latter. He can obtain neither food nor lodging in the village; the storekeepers refuse to sell him their wares, and he is obliged to clean the church, light the lamps and ring the bells himself.