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Fenelon Falls, 10th November, 1896.

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## The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, February 12th, 1897.

### A New Industry.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. A. G. Peuchen of Toronto waited upon the village council for the purpose of making an arrangement as to taxes, provided the company he represents lease the pulp mill from its present owners and convert it into a manufactory of wood alcohol, acetate of lime, charcoal and other products of the distillation of wood. Both parties meant business, and, after anything but a long discussion, the terms embodied in the motion to be found in another column were agreed upon, and a new industry will without doubt be in full operation in the village by the end of next June. The terms are so favorable to the company—conceding, in fact, all their representative asked—that some few of the ratepayers are inclined to cavil at the celerity with which the bargain was made; but Mr. Peuchen stated, no doubt with perfect truthfulness, that they had been offered strong inducements to go to other localities, and the probability that, if we miss this chance, it will be a long time before we get as good a one will, we think, be generally admitted, and will induce the great majority of the residents of the village to endorse the action of the council. The reduction of the assessment of the pulp mill property to \$2,000 will involve a loss of about \$180 in taxes, but this will be a mere fleabite compared to the benefit that will accrue to the community from the establishment of the industry "in our midst," and we are of those who believe that it is good policy to "give a sprat to catch a herring." The number of men employed by the new company will not exceed a dozen at the outset, and may never reach twenty-five; but fully seven thousand cords of wood—half hard and half soft—will be used annually, the cost of which, added to wages and incidental expenses, will, Mr. Peuchen says, reach a total of at least \$20,000 a year. We hope that the conditions, whatever they are, attached to the almost entire exemption from taxes, will all be embodied in writing, so as to leave no possible opening for a recurrence of the disputes and unpleasantnesses of which there have been too many in the past.

Bills are already out calling for 4,000 cords of maple, birch and beech, and an unmentioned quantity of mixed soft wood, to be delivered at the mill or at points convenient for loading by rail or water.

### Division Courts.

The venerable cherub—Adolphe Vavasseur Smiff, *to wit*—who sits (in a soft sit) up at Haliburton and writes leading articles for the Bobcaygeon *Independent*, promulgates bulls, issues mandements and flings around *ipse dixit* in a manner that is highly amusing, and his last fiat is that "Division Courts must go." Now, Smiff is an esteemed contemporary for whom we have a sincere regard, and of whom we think everything that we *don't* think of our other contemporary, Sam Hughes; but nobody is perfect, and, notwithstanding the traits of character that make him truly great, Smiff has fads, and one of them is a tendency to talk about "Smith," and "Jones," and "Brown," and "Robinson," and to prove that pretty nearly everything that is wrong, and would be much better if it were some other way. The *Independent* (to become impersonal) advocates the abolition of all laws for recovering debts, and claims that "no man is morally responsible for the payment of any debt which he did not himself contract or assent to." Against the latter proposition we have nothing to say; but, while human nature remains as it is, we do not think it possible to transact business without making the payment of liabilities compulsory. Credit is practically unavoidable, except, perhaps, between retail dealers and their customers; because, if a man sent cash with an order for goods, he would be giving credit for the money until he was paid in goods. It is all very well for our esteemed contemporary to amuse its readers by talking about "Advanced Thought" and "the good, the true and the beautiful"; but courts for the collection of debts exist because they are needed, and will not be abolished until the necessity for them ceases, no matter how much they are inveighed against by a few papers that are hard up for something to say. The *Independent* says that the *Globe* has joined in the cry for the abolition of division courts, but we are amongst that journal's most constant readers, and have not noticed anything in its columns to that effect. A short time ago it commented, we thought not unfavorably, upon a suggestion that the jurisdiction of division courts should be

extended, and in one of this week's issues stated that a movement was on foot to have the salaries of civil servants made garnishable, because many of those gentry will not pay their debts except under compulsion. The *Independent's* theory is that, if there were no laws for the collection of debts, only honest men would obtain credit; but there are plenty of honest men who are prevented by misfortune from meeting liabilities that they did not doubt they would be able to discharge when they incurred them, and plenty of men, dishonest at heart, who pay their debts promptly, but who would not pay at all if there was no law for their creditors to appeal to. Our Bobcaygeon contemporary is a victim of Advanced Thought—that's what's the matter with him—and the result is that he is continually advancing propositions that will be all right a few hundred years from now, but which in the present age and under existing conditions are utterly untenable.

### The Mining Boom.

The desire to acquire wealth by some rapid process being probably the most prevalent of human weaknesses, the prospect of getting it out of a hole in the ground is very enticing; and, consequently, the average man, forgetting the adage that "all that glitters is not gold," is very apt to invest some of his hard-earned dollars in one or another of the many mines that are now being boomed in the city papers, and regarding which the *Whitby Chronicle* expresses its sentiments as follows:

"Does anybody suppose for a moment that the hundreds of mining companies now being formed in Toronto and elsewhere mean anything else but robbery? Well, who is to be robbed? Is there anybody to be robbed besides the parties who buy their worthless shares? Our leading newspapers proclaim themselves the champions of the people's interests. Yet for the sake of the money they get from these 'mining companies,' they are boozing them as nothing was ever boomed in Canada before. They have striven for months to set the people crazy on the mining question, all for the divide they will get from the proceeds. After a time the same papers will fill their columns with long articles showing up how the public has been duped. One finds difficulty in sufficiently expressing the condemnation earned by the press of Toronto for its share in this plunder. When this mining boom started, some of the Toronto papers announced that they were going to safeguard public interests by sending representatives to the west to report the true state of things. This led many to suppose that any attempt at public robbery would be exposed. Nothing of the kind has been done, and the pledge to publish the true state of affairs faded out before the prospect of a rich harvest from advertising bubbles. There is hardly a man of any prominence in Toronto or elsewhere in this province who is not at present the president of a mining syndicate. Where are all the mines? To prevent themselves from being afterwards charged with fraud, the most of them get incorporated as 'Mining Development and Investment' companies. The investment part of it is what is to be served up afterwards as redeeming the pledge. We again express the hope that no person around here will be carried away foolishly by this mining craze. Let our people keep their money in their pockets, and they will have the best mining shares. We do not believe that one in a thousand of the investors will ever see a cent of his money back. There is a hundred times more money in promoting mines than in actual mining."

### Little Hector.

In our issue of a fortnight ago we made reference to this fleet-footed little equine, and at that time his owner had sent him to Port Perry, but he had the misfortune to get caught in the snow storm that was then raging. The snow was so deep that Mr. John Sykes had to tramp roads through the drifts in order to get through. The result was that Hector was not at himself for the race, being stiffened up and refusing his food. However, his owner put him in the race and succeeded in capturing third money, Henderson of Caledonia winning first and Munshaw of Whitby taking second. On Thursday of last week his owner (Mr. Aldous) sent him by train to Barrie, and on the following Wednesday started him in the 2.25 trot against a field of seven horses, Henderson and Munshaw included. In this race he took second money, defeating Munshaw easily, and on Thursday, in the 2.32 trot, he took first place, defeating both Henderson and Munshaw, and two others. On Saturday last he was shipped to Ottawa, and will there take part in two races, namely, the 2.25 and 2.30 trot. It is expected that the company will be pretty hot, nevertheless it is believed that Little Hector will be equal to the occasion.

### Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, Feb. 8th, 1897.  
Council met at regular meeting. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Peuchen, of Toronto, waited on the council in regard to taxes on the pulp mill property.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the company represented by Mr. Peuchen be granted an exemption of all taxes, with the exception of school taxes, on the pulp mill property, and that the assessment be fixed at \$2,000 for the term of ten years; the company to pay full taxes and assessment at the present basis on the saw mill property; and that the village solicitor be instructed to draw up an agreement along these lines—the company guaranteeing to keep the works in operation constantly, allowing reasonable time in each year for repairs; the company also agreeing not to enter into any business, trade or calling, in opposition to any other ratepayer, with the exception of the saw mill business.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That Mr. Heard's offer for bell at \$40 be accepted.—Carried.

Messrs. Joseph Heard, Wm. Campbell and Geo. Nie waited on the council, asking for a grant for the Mechanics' Institute. Laid over until next meeting.

Applications from J. R. Graham, J. J. Power and Thomas Johnston were laid on the table for the position of assessor.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That Thomas Johnston be appointed assessor for the ensuing year at a salary of \$30.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robson, That John R. Graham be appointed assessor for the ensuing year at a salary of \$30.

Original motion carried, appointing Thos. Johnston, and a by-law confirming the appointment was passed.

The council then adjourned.

### Personals.

Mr. Walter Lee of Mt. Horeb is visiting at Mr. Wm. McKeown's.

Miss Boyd, of Peterborough, has been visiting at Mr. Wm. McKeown's since Friday of last week.

Mr. Fred. Sandy, of Omemece, spent a few days of this week at the Falls, the guest of Mr. Wm. Sanderson.

Mr. A. Clark, Jr., left on Tuesday for Rat Portage and Winnipeg. He will be home in about three weeks, returning by way of Chicago.

Mr. James F. Junkin of Toronto, Manager of the Manufacturers' Life and Accident Insurance Co., came to the Falls last Friday, accompanied by his wife, and spent the two following days visiting relatives in the village and its vicinity, leaving for home on Monday morning.

Mrs. Wm. Campbell, who left the Falls about eight weeks ago for her old home at Two Mountains, Que., returned on Friday last. She went in consequence of the illness of her sister, Mrs. McColl, who died on January 12th, less than a year after the death of her husband.

DENTAL.—Dr. Neelands, dentist, will be at the McArthur House, Fenelon Falls on Monday, the 15th inst., on arrival of the train from Lindsay, and will remain over Tuesday. He will have a complete gas apparatus for extracting teeth. Call early and secure an appointment.

A GOOD LECTURE.—The lecture delivered by Dr. Smith, of Queen's University, Kingston, in St. Andrew's church, last Tuesday evening, was not as well attended as it ought to have been, as less than 150 persons were present. His subject, "The Boys I Knew," was made both instructive and amusing, and all who heard the lecture were greatly pleased with it. We have not heard what the receipts amounted to.

MR. BARRON.—Mr. Pope, Deputy Commissioner of Patents, died on the 7th inst., and there is a rumor in Ottawa that Mr. Barron, ex-M. P. for North Victoria, will probably be his successor. It would be difficult to find a better man for the position than Mr. Barron, whose long and valuable services to the Liberal cause certainly deserve recognition, especially as, but for Tory methods of winning elections, he would still be the representative of this constituency.

ROOMS TO LET, upstairs in McArthur's block. Apply at the GAZETTE Office.

IMPLEMENT SHEDS.—At the northeast corner of Colborne and Francis streets Mr. Frank Dewell is putting up a building 20x60 feet and two stories high for Mr. H. N. McDougall, who is agent for Messrs. Frost & Wood of Smith's Falls and other manufacturers of agricultural implements; and Sylvester Bros. of Lindsay, for whom Mr. R. Eyles is agent, intend to put up a build-