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### The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, February 26th, 1897.

#### The Slack Cooperage Co.

In the *Gazette* of the 29th ult. we published a letter received by Reeve Mason from L. Groesbeck & Son, of Wanstead, Ont., manufacturers of slack barrel cooperage stock, who are seeking a location in which the kinds of wood they use are plentiful, and the head of the firm was here on Monday last. He appeared to be favorably impressed by what he saw and heard, and told councillor Martin, who happened to be on the train with him to Toronto on Tuesday, that he would send his son to visit the Falls. We have strong hopes that the industry, which will employ from 60 to 75 hands, will be moved here in the course of a few months.

#### The St. Boniface Election.

The election at St. Boniface on Saturday last resulted in the return of Mr. Lauzon, the Separate School candidate, by a majority of 188 over his opponent, Mr. Bertrand, whose defeat was a foregone conclusion, and who was hardly expected to receive as many votes as the 200 cast in his favor. In the constituency is a large body of utterly illiterate French and half-breeds, and it is declared that the priests, exceeding the instructions of Archbishop Langevin, "went from door to door, threatening the men and the timid superstitious women, that if the former did not vote right the crucifix would be torn from the wall, they would be turned out of the church, and if they died their bodies might be buried in the back yard, as they would be refused interment in consecrated ground." Under such circumstances, it is surprising that Mr. Bertrand got as many votes as he did, but in the four wards of the town itself, "from which radiates all church authority," but where the people are educated, Mr. Lauzon's majority was only ten. There is some talk of protesting the election on the ground of undue clerical influence.

#### Fancy Education.

We publish on our first page this week nearly the whole of a long letter that lately appeared in the *Buffalo, N. Y., News* on the subject of public school education, which appears to be much the same in the States as in Canada, and against which, there as here, many protests are beginning to be heard. We have maintained for years that a boy or girl should not be given more than a common school education at the public expense, and we are pleased to see that Professor Goldwin Smith, in an address delivered a few days ago before the Dominion Grange, said, in answer to a question, that "the Government had no right to spend the people's money in providing a fancy education." That is exactly what we have always maintained, and many others besides Prof. Smith are openly expressing the same opinion. The contention that the poor man's child can obtain as good an education as the rich man's is not true, and will not be until there is no charge whatever for admission to the colleges and universities and the poor man's child is provided with books and is boarded and clothed while he is pursuing his studies. Of course, "poor" and "rich" are relative terms; but we think that, if the names of the fathers of the young men who are now obtaining a fancy education were all published, it would be difficult to pick out a dozen whom the consensus of public opinion would call poor men. But the really poor men, whose boys and girls have to earn their living as soon as the law releases them from the common school, are compelled to pay for part of the education of the children of the comparatively rich, and that is where the cruel injustice of the system comes in. As the *Toronto Star* says, "education has become a fad in Canada, and the Province is paying for high school-which the people themselves should individually pay for." About a month ago the University of Toronto asked for \$20,000 to meet the estimated deficit for the current year, and the *Globe* favored the granting of that sum for several reasons, one of which was that "a State cannot afford, for the sake of a comparatively small expenditure, to allow the special talents of its sons and daughters to remain undeveloped or to compel them to go abroad for their training;" but it appears to us that parents who cannot afford to pay the present moderate university fees are not in a position to send their children abroad for their training.

It would be bad enough to tax the entire body of ratepayers for the higher education of the children of a few if value were obtained for the money so expended; but there can be no doubt at all that a very considerable portion of it is worse than wasted, because in

many cases the learning acquired is either forgotten from want of use, or the unfortunate youths find after years of study that, from want of natural qualifications, they are lamentable failures in the professions into which they have been tempted. The *Globe* admits that "it would be better for the community if the energies of a larger proportion of its people were devoted to productive employments," but "protests against the doctrine that any class of Canadian citizens ought to be kept in ignorance in order that they may be content to do manual labor for the rest." The *Globe* can, if it think fit, call everyone who has not had a college education "ignorant," but John Ruskin did not, neither do we, and it is almost certain that at least nineteen-twentieths of the prominent and successful men (outside of the professions) in the whole Dominion, are ignoramuses, judged by the *Globe's* standard. But what is the result of the costly cramming process, as far, at least, as teachers are concerned? School Inspector James L. Hughes of Toronto ought to know, and this is what he says: "The average public school teacher is a repository of petty knowledge, undigested and inaccurate. His science is only sciolism. For the most part, he is a narrow, pedagogical, unsympathetic, dogmatical ass. He knows nothing outside of the text-books, and those he has by rote." The duty of the teacher is to make his pupils like unto himself, and what parent is willing to have his son converted into the kind of an ass described by Inspector Hughes?—to whom some of the teachers may feel inclined to reply: "You're another." We have nothing whatever to say about colleges and universities except in their favor, but they should be entirely supported by those who derive benefit from them.

#### The Carnival.

Wednesday night's carnival was a success. In fact it was a howling success. It was something like what a carnival ought to be, like what more of them will be, and not like what some of them have been. Any and all carnivals heretofore held were eclipsed. There were more costumes, and more of them really good ones, than have been seen at like events at the Falls for many a day. The rink directorate are pleased. And they desire us to thank those who imported costumes from Toronto and those who designed and constructed costumes at home, for the trouble and expense they incurred to make the carnival what it was. Ice-maker McClenahan was pleased, too, for the ice was perfect, and he made the ice.

The Maypole was perfectly lovely. So were the young ladies who wound it with ribbons around and around, and around and around and around. Even the confusion, caused by the contact of a ribbon and a hatpin, was lovely. The Master of Ceremonies tried to look cross, but it's a sure thing that away down in the bottom of his heart he was hoping the blessed tangle would stay tangled forever.

He also was lovely. In fact everything was lovely, and everybody was pleased, masqueraders, skaters and directors and spectators.

The following is a partial list of those in costume. There are others, but they didn't hand in their cards.

- Miss Minnie Archer, Fantasy.
- Mable Sandford, Fairy Witch.
- Maud Sandford, Liberty Bell.
- Maud Bell, Good Luck.
- Ethel Lytle, Violette.
- Irene McDougall, House-maid.
- Minnie Ellis, Gretan Maiden.
- Janet F. Robinson, Gipsy.
- A. Robson, Italian Gipsy.
- Leonie Calder, Sailor Lassie.
- Lena Austin, Ina Tremain.
- A. Austin, Queen of Diamonds.
- Bird Clark, Highland Shepherdess.
- Mary McArthur, Dolly Varden.
- Jennie Graham, Lady of 1899.
- J. Sullivan, June.
- Emily Hand, Juliet.
- Fanny Brandon, Little Red Riding Hood.
- Clara Thompson, Stars and Stripes.
- Annie Todd, Flower Girl.
- A. Aldous, Papa's Only Girl.
- Mr. James L. Arnold, Irish Gentleman.
- Thomas Austin, Pink Pills.
- Frank Rutherford, Negro.
- Dennis Twomey, Spanish Cavalier.
- A. Appleby, Dutchman.
- J. R. Hand, King of Spades.
- Lewis Wilson, Sportsman.
- John Denny, Volunteer.
- Albert Beatty, Hit and Miss.
- Arthur York, Santa Claus.
- Robert Lee, Jester.
- E. G. Hand, Marmaduke Travers.
- Harry Stoddard, British Soldier.
- George Beatty, Pedro.
- Wilbert Beatty, Jockey.
- Walter Bell, Sailor.
- Ellsworth Austin, Farmer Wayback.
- Willie Maybee, Clown.

The following prizes were awarded: Best costume, 1st Miss Bird Clark, 2nd, Miss Minnie Archer; Best couple, Mr. Thomas Savigny and Miss Mary Nevison; Girl's race, 1st Mary Nevison, 2nd Mabel Nevison.

#### Advice to Merchants.

The *Whitby Chronicle* says:—"If the merchants of every town in

Ontario would take a leaf from the departmental stores and advertise and sell goods as they do, they would speedily secure a larger and better trade than they now have, and bring dollars to their own town that at present go to Toronto and elsewhere. The way—and the only way—that this much-to-be-desired end can be accomplished is to secure a generous space in the advertising columns of the local papers and advertise persistently and well, quoting prices for cash at the very lowest margin of profit. People buy in Toronto simply because they can—or think they can—buy cheaper; but they also know that they must have the spot cash. If buyers are shown by prices quoted that they can buy as advantageously in their county town as in a city fifty or one hundred miles away, they will choose the former every time. People in the country buy in the larger towns simply because they believe they can buy cheaper; and people in the towns buy in the city for the very same reason. It is only by advertising liberally and quoting prices that our merchants can show these people their error. They can be reached much quicker through their pockets—especially when times are hard and everyone is trying to make or save the mighty dollar—than they can by preaching loyalty to their own district."

#### Darwin's Theory.

Darwin's theory of the "survival of the fittest" is that the weakly die and the strong and robust live. The vegetable and floral kingdoms have illustrated this grand theory to every person planting vegetable and flower seeds. It is not necessary to be familiar with the writings of Darwin, Huxley, Haeckel or LeCompte to prove how essential it is to plant seeds which nature, assisted by science, has evolved into the highest state of perfection. The great seedsmen, D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ontario, have done more in the practical evolution of seeds than any other seed house in the world. They produce and send out seeds that not only grow but attain a high type of perfection; for nearly forty years they have devoted their best skill and energy in this direction. We are just in receipt of their beautiful Seed Annual for 1897, which is full of practical information for not only the skilled gardener but the amateur. We note, with pleasure, the entire absence in this book of exaggerated and impossible products listed by seedsmen as novelties. They offer to send this expensive work free to all who apply for it. Ferry & Co.'s seeds are sold by all first-class dealers—if your merchant does not keep them, send direct to them.

#### Personals.

Miss Ada McKown left on Monday to visit relatives at Garden Hill.  
Mr. W. C. Moore and Mr. Wm. Givens of Bobcaygeon were at the Falls on Monday.  
Mr. Joseph Irwin, who has been visiting friends at Fenelon Falls and Dunsford since the 1st of January, left last Friday for Florence, Manitoba.  
Miss Kate Austin, who is studying in the Collegiate Institute at Lindsay, was home from Saturday last until Monday.  
Mr. Thomas Graham, of Graham & Co., left on Tuesday for a business trip to Kirkfield and Victoria Road and returned next day.  
Mr. Frederick Grise, eldest son of Mr. Didace Grise of Midland, was at the Falls on Monday last.  
Miss Todd of Barrie, niece of Mrs. H. J. Lytle, is visiting her relations at the Falls.  
Miss Boyd left for her home at Peterborough on Thursday morning, after a three weeks' visit at Mr. Wm. McKown's.

#### Kinmount.

(Correspondence of the *Gazette*.)  
Mrs. Allnach of Fenelon Falls is visiting her friend, Mrs. W. J. Harper. Quite a number are sick with the Mr. A. Moore, jeweller, has been away for a few days visiting his brother in Stanhope.  
We hear that Miss J. Campbell, former teacher of this place, is to be married this week. We wish her every happiness.  
Mr. Whitesmith is with us again selling jewellery and spectacles. Judging from his frequent visits, business in his line must be very good.  
grippe. They have our sympathy, for we have "been there," and can say from experience that any one who has it needs all the sympathy he can get, for, besides pains and aches from the crown of the head to the soles of the feet, the sufferer must swallow about a dozen different kinds of medicines, and poultices and liniments are applied till you begin to feel like a travelling drug store.