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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

The Vitroff Girl.

A DARK SECRET OF A ST. PETERSBURG PRISON.

London, March 21.—Letters from St. Petersburg say it has been years since the capital was so excited about any political affair as it is now about the tragedy of the Vitroff girl and the consequent wholesale arrest of students. All that is really known about her is that she was arrested last December with a couple of other students in a domiciliary visit paid by the police to the High School for Women, on suspicion of being a distributor of Nihilist literature, and that she was conveyed to the sinister underground prison in Petropaulofski fortress, which is to St. Petersburg what the tower used to be to London, and that now she is admitted to be dead. The popular story that she committed suicide by drenching her blankets and clothes with petroleum and then setting fire to them is well calculated to arouse indignation. There is no telling how true the story is, since the secrets of these terrible dungeons are only less inscrutable than those of the grave. True or not, the story is believed, and over a thousand students are now crowded in various prisons for having insisted on saying prayers for her soul in the big Kazan cathedral. Nothing is said about the affair in the Russian papers, but the city is talking of nothing else, and it is believed that the tragic pathos of this new martyr legend may become still more tragic, as it involves the imputation of sensual violence against an officer of the prison which will tend to stir up sympathetic demonstrations and disturbances all over Russia. It should not be forgotten that nine-tenths of the Russians believe this reign to be doomed by heaven to misfortune on account of the awful loss of life at Moscow at the Coronation. It is reported from Cretan waters that the Russian sailors on the man-of-war, where the gun exploded with such fatal results, cried out at once that it was another portent like the Moscow disaster, and the officers had to promise them that they would be asked no more to fire on Christians, except to save a ship from being sacked or scuttled on the spot.

By accident one day an Adjala farmer ran eleven one-dollar bills through a cutting box.

Improved machinery in the manufacture of furniture has displaced from 50 to 75 per cent. of the persons formerly employed.

A mass meeting of 20,000 persons was held in Trafalgar square, London, to express sympathy with Greece in the present troubles.

A case of usury has been ventilated in the Montreal courts, in which the unfortunate debtor was compelled to pay five per cent. per day.

An order has been issued from the Militia Department calling in all the old rifles and side arms, and as soon as these are in the new Lee-Enfield weapon will be issued to the different battalions.

There is a manufactory in Baden, Germany, where, when an improvement in the line of labour-saving machinery is introduced, some of the profits arising from the innovation are given to the workmen.

Says the Cleveland Citizen: "The coal trust has taken advantage of the restored confidence to raise the price 25 cents per ton. It is stated that that means an additional profit of \$50,000,000 for the trust this year."

The entire staff of employees at the Devonport dock yard, numbering 5,000, have been ordered to work overtime for the purpose of hastening the completion of the fitting-out of the vessels upon which they are engaged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Rats or Coyotes—Which?

To the Editor of the Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Sir,— Tell you what, Mr. Editor, John Alexander Ellis, ex-reeve, county councillor, etc., feels his oats. The honors which have been heaped upon him are developing the blue blood which courses through his veins. It is well for Quiz—it is well for you, also—that the wielder of such a trenchant pen is so fully occupied with other matters that he has neither time nor inclination to "HUNT RATS." He disdains to even mention that trifling twenty-five dollars. If Quiz will not come out and give his true name, he is beneath

the doughty warrior's notice. From sheer inability to do the subject justice, I shall refrain from criticism of the short but able epistle which appeared in your last issue.

But we are to "hear from him at more length through his solicitor." All right, John A. Dot ish goat. It is immaterial to Quiz—it is immaterial to the general public, and I presume I am fairly well within the mark when I say it is immaterial to you, also, Mr. Editor—whether the mystery which enshrouds that \$25 is explained by Mr. Ellis himself or through the medium of a counsellor learned in the law. All we want to know, John, is, Where is that twenty-five dollars?

What are the apparent facts of this matter? Now, boys, when you are setting up the type for this, do not fail to put in the word *apparent*, or Quiz and you also may have a libel suit on hand. It appears Mr. Reeve Ellis laid a letter from the Messrs. Howry on the table, addressed to the head of the municipality, in which they said they enclosed \$25, etc. A vote of thanks was passed by the council for the donation. After this that money was no more the property of Mr. Ellis than it was that of the meanest ratepayer in the place; and should at once have been handed to the treasurer and placed to the credit of the municipality. Instead of this it is quietly tucked away in the inner recess of the reeve's own pocket, and we hear no more about it until your columnist and civil manner through your columns what has become of it. And then—oh!—because our innate modesty prevents us from giving our true name, he will not answer "rats."

Is this the way our council does business—allow one of its members to take money from the public funds and use it according to the dictates of his own sweet will, without any authority whatever? If it is, the quicker the strong arm of the law is invoked to teach them they are not immortal the better. And they may as well understand once for all that common councilors, like almanacs and some other quadrupeds we might mention, are good for one year only.

But there is another matter, Mr. Editor, about which a good many persons have expressed a desire for fuller and more accurate knowledge. I refer to a rumor about a certain coyote or prairie wolf. You or the boys may have heard something about it on the street, and forgot to insert it amongst the personals. It is reported—I wish it distinctly understood that I do not assert this is a fact, but merely say it is reported—that Mr. John A. Ellis imported a coyote from Manitoba some few years ago. After a time it dug its way out of its case, when he shot it, and got a certificate from an accommodating J. P. that he had killed a wolf, which enabled him to draw \$10 out of the county treasury, \$10 for the scalp of a brute which was only worth \$2 in its native province. If this is not true, John A., and you can devote a few minutes to a rat, let us hear all about it. Who was the magistrate that you managed by your nice ways to put the "come hither" on so prettily?

Yours truly,

QUIZ.

Fenelon Falls, March 23rd, 1897.

N. B.—Dear Mr. Editor: Please do not give me away. I would not mind giving my proper name, but if I did the boys might be after me to run for councillor, and there is a rumor afloat that the tailors have entered into a compact that from this time forth they will not put any pockets into garments made for village councilors, and this would be a mighty inconvenient arrangement for a man who smokes. Q.

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FENELON FALLS MARKETS.

Reported by the North Star Roller Mill Co.

Fenelon Falls, Friday, March 26th, 1897.	
Wheat, Scotch or Fine	75 to 75
Wheat, fall, per bushel	68
Wheat, spring	65
Barley, per bushel	20
Buckwheat	20
Oats	16
Pease	37
Rye	25
Potatoes	25
Butter, per lb	13
Eggs, per dozen	9
Hay, per ton	8.00
Hides	5.00
Hogs (live)	4.40
Hogs (Dressed)	5.50
Beef	3.50
Sheepskins	50
Wool	16
Flour, family, Silver Leaf	2.20
Flour, best bakers'	2.30
Flour straight rolled	2.10
Bran, per ton	10.00
Shorts	11.00
Mixed chop, per ton	15.00

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Friday, the 16th Day of April, 1897,

for the building of a Town Hall at the Village of Haliburton. Plans and specifications of the proposed Hall can be seen at the office of the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WILLIAM PRUST,
Clerk of Dysart.

Dated at Haliburton this
23rd day of March, 1897. } 6—3.

ESTRAY SHEEP.

Came on to the premises of the undersigned, east half of Lot 27, Con. 5, Verulam, about a month ago, three Ewes, with a small piece cut out of the side of the right ear of each of them. The owner can have them upon proving property and paying charges.

JACOB WALKER,
Fenelon Falls P. O.
Verulam, March 10th, 1897.—4.3.*

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GEORGE M'CEE.

A RUNAWAY

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