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That is the question.

Whether it is better in the end to suffer the sorrows and disappointments that poor paint will bring, or at the start provide the best that can be bought and end it there.

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FOR STYLE AND ECONOMY COMBINED

Go to **Wm. Campbell**, who has the largest, best assorted, most stylish and cheapest stock of

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Our Opening takes place every day.

NORTH STAR ROLLER MILLS.

The undersigned beg to announce to their numerous customers and the public generally that their new Roller Flour Mill is now completed, and grinding night and day. The machinery throughout is of the most modern pattern, and the quality of the output second to none in Ontario. Special attention given to gristing and chopping. We pay Lindsay prices for wheat and coarse grains, of which we want an unlimited quantity. Hides and skins, Furs, Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, etc., bought and sold. Agents for the Canada Carriage Company. Parties buying Flour or Feed in quantities would do well to write us for quotations before purchasing.

McDougall, Brandon & Austin.

TO THE FARMERS

Of the surrounding vicinity. If your Machines should need repairing, or if you should want any repairs, or new mould boards or steel land sides on your ploughs, COME EARLY, and don't put off till wanted. If you think of purchasing a good Pea Harvester, Hay Fork, or any other implement, give ROBSON a call, and you will get them at prices to meet the times.

THOS. ROBSON,
FENELON FALLS.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, May 14th, 1897.

Liberal Victory in Quebec.

The elections in Quebec on Tuesday last resulted in the greatest Liberal victory ever won in that Province, the late Government, which went before the people with a majority of 20, having been left in a minority of 36.

Collegiate Institutes.

The article under the above heading on our first page does us good to read, as it is in exact accord with the doctrine we have preached for years—the doctrine that “it is criminally foolish to encourage every youngster to toil up to the point of defeat, humiliation and despair,” which is too often the point to which a miscalled first class education leads. Such an education may make—as Mr. Inspector Hughes says it frequently does—a “pragmatic ass” of the recipient; but without the necessary natural qualifications it will never make him a success in either of the professions, though it will fill him with the idea that any other way of earning a living is beneath him. We have always been of the opinion that all educational institutions higher than the common schools of the country should be supported by the pupils attending them; in other words, that the entire cost of the education obtained therein should be paid for by those obtaining it, except that the holders of scholarships obtained in the public schools should be admitted without the payment of any fees whatever. The existing school system is oppressive and pernicious; it forces children of average, or even inferior, abilities to waste time on, to them, useless studies; it takes public money to pay for the fancy education of a few; and it overloads the professions and swells the tide of emigration by coaxing and bribing thousands of commonplace lads to remain at school until they are grown men, under the mistaken impression that passing examinations will enable them to make a good living without soiling their hands.

How it is Done.

There is reason to believe that departmental stores are beginning to lose some of their popularity; and, if this be so, it is no doubt owing in a great measure to the efforts made by a section of the Press to open the eyes of the public to the methods adopted by those stores to secure custom. It is a significant fact that no attempt has been made to deny the charges of deception and unfair dealing brought against the big concerns by the *Toronto Star*, and every two or three days that journal publishes some fresh imposture. One of the latest is with regard to cocoa, which to the great majority of people is a luxury, as it cannot be sold under about eighty cents a pound; but the departmental stores sell for ten cents a pound an article they call “pure soluble cocoa,” but which is made of starch, coarse brown sugar, and just enough of the commonest kind of cocoa beans to give a little of the real flavor to the mixture. From the time departmental stores were established we contended that it was impossible for them to sell—“other things being equal”—much cheaper than the small establishments they are trying to crush out of existence, and the *Star's* exposures clearly prove that our contention was correct. Except on “bargain” days, when a few articles are sacrificed as baits, every person who patronizes a departmental store pays the full value for what he or she buys, everything that appears exceedingly cheap being either

old-fashioned, short in measure, of poor quality or adulterated. The proposal to impose a special tax on departmental stores is objected to by their apologists on the ground that it would be unfair; but there would be no unfairness in protecting the public by preventing these stores from practising imposition, and that is chiefly what is asked for by the small dealers who have been, or are being, crushed out of business. The late mayor of Detroit, H. S. Pingree, who is now Governor of Michigan, and whose opinion on social and trade questions has great weight, says that departmental stores are a curse to any town, and that it is the duty of every man, woman and child to deal elsewhere. The departmental stores sell, (apparently,) cheaper than smaller concerns, and the writer who is conducting the war through the columns of the *Star* thus explains how it is done:

“Now, coming down to particulars, what is the process by which the departmental store does the grinding? I will give an instance. A bedroom set, made in various woods, sold well at the regular stores for \$70. This set became popular and was largely manufactured. One of the departmental stores gave a large order to a firm at Guelph for this particular set, but on condition that there was to be a big cut in the price. The terms were finally arranged, and the set was made a “leader” in the store, and offered at the big reduction of \$22, making the price at which it was sold \$48. Remonstrances were made to the manufacturer from the regular dealers, who wanted to know why the departmental stores could so completely undersell the trade. The manufacturer replied by pointing out wherein the bedroom set, though made from the same designs, was in reality inferior in several particulars, very apparent when pointed out.

But, of course, several of the dealers endeavored to keep in line, and were supplied with the same inferior article, which they sold at \$48, hoping to make up in some way on articles which usually go with the set, such as bedding and other articles. But the regular retailer was to be forced out, and gradually, by dint of reducing the piece work prices at the factory, and scamping the work in every possible way, until the original good qualities of the article were completely lost, the price was eventually cut down to \$33 on the strength of receiving a very large order, over which a law suit had to be threatened in order to make the departmental store take the whole of the lot of rubbish which it had contracted for. Exactly the same line of procedure was followed in the case of a sideboard, which had a longer run of popularity, increased for a time by the successively low prices at which it was offered in the departmental store as a “leader.”

Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, May 10th, 1897.

Council met at regular meeting, all the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and, with the exception of motion rescinding by-law No. 300, granting exemption to John Thomson, approved.

Mr. Robson gives notice of the introduction of a by-law at this meeting to extend the time for the collection of taxes.

By-law read and passed in the usual manner, Mr. Deyman in the chair.

Mr. Robson gives notice of the introduction of a by-law at this meeting to rescind by-law No. 300, granting exemptions to manufacturing establishments.

By-law read and passed in the usual manner, Mr. Martin in the chair.

Mr. McKendry waited on the council re charity for Mr. Aulbrook. Referred to the charity committee.

Mr. Thos. H. Robson waited on the council re sidewalk on the north side of Queen street. Referred to street and bridge committee.

Mr. Noble Dundas waited on the council re a refusal by Mr. Northey, caretaker of the cemetery, to allow him to enter the cemetery with a load.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Martin, That the following accounts be paid and the reeve give his orders for the same: Mr. Wessels, work on street, \$2; Wm. Fountain, work on drain, \$9 45; H. Stoddard, work on street and drain, \$2 70; W. L. Robson, goods for Mr. Aulbrook, \$10; L. B. Quigg, work on drain, \$2 90; John Alexander, work on drain, \$9; R. McKay, work on drain, \$8; W. McColl, drawing ten loads of cedar and bark for drain, \$2 50; Wm. Sanderson, work on drain, \$6 95; S. Nevison, meals for tramps, 50c—stationery used in collecting, \$2 86—salary to date, \$28; M. McKay, work on creek, \$1; R. McKay, work on creek, \$1; T. Johnston, postage and stationery used in assessing, \$1 44—balance of salary as assessor, \$27.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That this council meet

as court of revision on June 7th at 1 o'clock p. m.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Robson, That the council go into committee of the whole to discuss the building of a sidewalk on Oak street, Mr. Deyman in the chair.—Carried.

The committee rose and reported that their decision was that the council should build a four foot sidewalk on each side of Oak street from May street to the lane at the west end. Report adopted on motion of Messrs. Martin and Robson.

The clerk was instructed to ask for tenders for building the sidewalk on Oak street.

The council then adjourned.

Accidents.

On the night of the 4th inst. Mr. M. J. Wilson, eldest son of Mr. J. J. Wilson of Fenelon, met with a serious accident that we did not hear of until after last week's *Gazette* was printed. About half-past 11 o'clock Mrs. Wilson was seized with an internal cramp, to which she is somewhat subject, and her son left his room to go downstairs for a remedy that his mother takes to relieve her pain. During the evening the baby of the family, a little fellow about two years old, had dragged a child's rocking chair to the top of the stairs and there left it; and the young man, not having a light, fell over the chair and went headlong down the stairway, striking the bottom stair but one with such violence that his left shoulder was dislocated, and Dr. Wilson had to be sent for to set it. Matthew John appears to have quite a tendency towards accidents, this being the fifth he has met with in less than a year. He was out with his arm in a sling very soon after his last mishap, and told us on Tuesday that he was getting along nicely and quite free from pain.

On Tuesday forenoon a plank laid across a drain which is being dug along Bond street broke while Mr. James J. Power was crossing it, and he had a fall of about three feet, but fortunately the soil at the bottom of the drain was much softer at that particular spot than at a few feet from it. Had it been otherwise, Mr. Power might have sustained serious injuries, as he is one of the heaviest men in the village and past the age when a fall of a few feet is a thing to be laughed at.

Personals.

Mr. Harry Robson came home from Toronto on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Peter Deyman of Little Britain was at the Falls visiting his relatives from Saturday last until Tuesday.

Mr. J. H. McNally and family, who left on the 12th of April for a trip to the States, returned on Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Podger of Lindsay came to the Falls on Wednesday for a few days' visit to Mrs. Nie and other friends.

Mr. Robert McKeown of Garden Hill has been at the Falls since Wednesday visiting his brother, Mr. Wm. McKeown.

Mr. A. H. Carl, of Cobocook, was on a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. Naaman Everson of Verulam, from Friday last until Monday.

Messrs. Christy and John Brandon returned home last Friday from Sudbury, where they have been employed since the beginning of December.

Mr. John D. Smith of Port Hope and Mr. G. H. G. McVity of Toronto were at the Falls on Thursday and Friday of last week, and went up to Grand Island before they left for home.

Mr. James McCabe of Peterborough was at the Falls from Friday last until Monday, visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Stephen Bellingham, who is in so critical a condition that her recovery is scarcely hoped for.

Kinmount.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

The train on the Irondale, Ottawa & Bancroft Railway did not make its usual trips on Tuesday, as the train men refused to work until they were paid.

The Kinmount Baptist Church people intend having a garden party at Mr. A. Morrison's on May 21st. If the weather is favorable they will try hard to have a “big time.”

It is reported that Mr. John Morrison has accepted an offer for the winning right of his mine.

Powles's Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

The farmers around here are very busy at present putting the seed in the ground, and the weather is all that could be desired.

The many friends and neighbors of Mrs. James Marshall will regret to learn that she is soon to take her departure from amongst us for Michigan, where