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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.

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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, July 2nd, 1897.

Lightning's Work.

On the afternoon of the 24th ult. a violent thunder storm passed over this locality, and although the accompanying rain—which came just when the want of it was beginning to be felt—had a very beneficial effect upon the crops, there are reports in many of our exchanges of more or less damage having been done by the lightning. The only sufferer in this locality was Mr. W. H. Copp, of the east half of lot No. 25 in the 5th concession of Fenelon, who lost two large barns, with all their contents. While Mr. Copp was in one of the barns the lightning struck the ventilator, which was split all to pieces, and, running down, set fire to a considerable quantity of hay, and in an instant the interior of the building was in flames. Mr. Copp's hat was struck from his head by flying splinters, and the force of the concussion threw him down; but fortunately he was not injured, or he would probably have lost his life, for, as it was, he had some little difficulty in escaping from the barn. There happened to be a bee that afternoon, to raise a building on Mr. Frederick Green's farm, adjoining Mr. Copp's, and in a very few minutes about thirty men were at the scene of the fire, and—there being two wells on the premises—they managed by the most heroic exertions to save a large shed and the implements stored therein; but both barns were totally destroyed, together with about five tons of hay, 300 bushels of grain, a seed-drill, a cultivator, a cutting-box, a horse-power, a roller, five sets of harness, a turnip pulper, a hay-lifter, a set of trucks, a platform scale, a plough, a hay-rack, a hog-rack, various small articles, a carpenter's work-bench and a full set of tools and about 2,000 feet of lumber which was piled so near the barn that it could not be moved. Two calves and two fox-terrier puppies perished in the fire, and about a dozen apple trees and an acre and a half of peas were so scorched by the intense heat that they will die. We are glad to hear that the heavy loss is to a considerable extent covered by insurance.

On the same afternoon Mrs. Richard Suggett, who lives near the Baptist church in Eade's settlement, Somerville, had a somewhat narrow escape. While doing some cooking it suddenly occurred to her that it was not very safe to be near a stove during a storm, and she stepped aside, but had scarcely done so when lightning entered the chimney, knocked it all to pieces, burst two or three lengths of the stove-pipe and went through the floor not far from where she was standing. Though naturally frightened, she was not injured, but everything in the room was covered with the soot that the lightning had brought down with it from the chimney. During the continuance of the storm lightning struck and killed a steer owned by Mr. John McNabb, whose farm is about a mile and a half north of the village of Glenarm.

Public School Leaving and Entrance Examinations.

Thirty-three candidates are writing at Fenelon Falls this week for public school leaving certificates and thirty-

four candidates for entrance certificates. Inspector Reazin presides, assisted by E. Musgrove, Esq., headmaster Kirkfield public school, and Geo. Rennie, Esq., headmaster Oakwood public school. The examinations continue for three days, finishing at 4 p. m. on Wednesday. The examination papers upon which the candidates are writing are a very reliable index of the character of the work now carried on in our rural public schools. The standard, it is believed, is not surpassed by any other country in the world. Examiner Musgrove holds the opinion that the public school leaving examination, which had its origin in West Victoria, is the master stroke in our public school legislation of the last quarter of a century. These examinations are of a provincial character, and are carried on simultaneously in every county in the province. There are six examining centres in Victoria county, viz. Fenelon Falls, Kirkfield, Oakwood, Bobcaygeon, Omeo and Lindsay. A handsome certificate is given each candidate who succeeds in passing. The Education Department pays \$5 to the boards of school trustees from which the students come for each successful candidate writing in the public school leaving examination. The primary examination (for teachers' certificates) commences here on Friday next.

Village Court of Revision.

Fenelon Falls, June 24th, 1897.

Court of Revision met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Reeve Mason and Councillors Deyman and Robson. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Mr. McKeown entered and took his seat.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That west half 9 and 10 north of Francis west of Colborne, and lot 10 south of Bond street, be assessed to Mr. H. J. Lytle at \$1,000.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That James Cullon's assessment on part of Block N, east of Colborne, south of Francis, be struck off.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the assessment of the R. C. Smith estate be amended as follows: Lot 3 south of Francis east of Colborne, to be added, value \$50; the valuation of lots south of Francis east of Colborne to be as follows: 6, \$100—7, \$200—9, \$300—10, \$300, and the total assessment to be \$5,190.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That all the property assessed to the Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., except the saw-mill, be assessed to the Standard Chemical Co.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Deyman, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That A. Clark Jr.'s assessment be confirmed at \$1,000.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Robson, That Neil McGillvray be assessed as tenant along with John McGillvray.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That Patrick Kelly be assessed as tenant along with Martin Kelly.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Deyman, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That John Clark be assessed as tenant for west half lot 9 south of Bond west of Colborne, and J. W. Fitzgerald owner.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the omissions and errors in the cases of the following parties be rectified: P. C. Burgess and F. J. Kerr, Misses M. Bell, J. Bell, E. Bell, John Bell, Mrs. C. R. Blott, Geo. Barkley, Wm. Barber, O. Bigelow, J. H. Brandon and Mrs. S. Swanton, Wm. Burgoyne, Mrs. Borland, Wm. Campbell and Mrs. Cunningham, Davey & Son and Wm. Jordan, G. H. Dartnell and McArthur estate, John Dennis and Mrs. Cunningham, J. Dewey and Jane Hopkins, W. L. Robson and W. McArthur, McDiarmid & McLaughlin and Wm. McArthur, J. Johnston and J. Twomey, J. McFarland and D. Twomey, George Martin, J. McFarland and J. McKee, S. Penhale and W. Jordan, L. B. Quigg and Smith estate, John T. Thompson and T. Quibell, Thos. Robson, W. Jordan and Fitzgerald estate, C. Kelly and Twomey estate, M. Keith and Smith estate, M. McKinnon and Presbyterian Church, Wm. McKeown and McArthur estate, James Bray, C. Burgoyne and McArthur estate, John Chatten and C. W. Moore, J. O. Clark and John A. Ellis, E. Chambers and S. Lambert, W. Deyman Jr. and F. Sandford, P. Deyman and F. Sandford, R. Dougherty and J. A. Ellis, Walsh estate and W. H. Walsh, Smith estate and Toronto Bank, G. Graham and G. G. Keith, Fred Jackett, James Fraser and Baptist Church, Wm. Farncomb and English Church, Wm. Hecley and Wm. Jordan, W. C. Holbrook and C. W. Moore, T. Huffman and Smith estate, John Graham, G. Barry, H. E. Austin, E. Avery, G. Aldous, John Ellis and John Beatty, T. Cook and Mrs. Cun-

ningham, T. Bell and Smith estate, S. Corbett and R. Webber, Fred Green and J. Chambers, T. White and E. McGrane, W. Sproats and N. Daudas, Mrs. Sullivan and E. Lansfield, T. P. Steel and Methodist Church, John Slater and Mrs. Cunningham, H. Scoddart and Smith estate, M. Sharpe and S. Cooper, Sylvester Bros. and Smith estate, M. McCallum and John Jones, H. McDougall and Mrs. Chambers, R. Meuzies Jr. and Wm. McArthur and McDougall, Brandon & Austin.—Car'd.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Robson, That the assessment roll as now revised be received and confirmed, and that this Court of Revision be now dissolved.—Carried.

Council met.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the clerk be instructed to ask for tenders for gravel for the village, by the yard, tenders to be in by 6 o'clock on Monday evening, 28th inst.—Carried.

Council adjourned.

Fenelon Falls, June 23rd, 1897.

Regular meeting of council. Present, the Reeve, Mr. Mason, in the chair, and Councillors Robson and Deyman. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Councillors McKeown and Martin entered and took their seats.

Tenders for gravel from F. Jackett, R. Jackett and Chas. Ley laid on the table.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That Robert Jackett's tender for drawing and spreading gravel on streets at 26c. per yard be accepted.—Carried.

Messrs. J. Heard, J. McFarland and Wm. Campbell waited on the council with a petition for an early closing by-law to close certain shops.

Mr. McKeown gives notice of a by-law to be introduced at the next regular meeting to regulate the closing of certain shops.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the following accounts be paid and the reeve give his orders for the same: Wm. Fountain, work on drain, \$4.35; W. Sanderson, work on drain, \$2; W. McCall, drawing stone and plank, 75c.; R. McKay, work on drain, \$4; John Hall, work on drain, \$2.75; S. Nevison, salary to date, \$34—cedar for culvert, \$1.40; J. L. Arnold, goods for Toronto, \$1.35; K. Menzies, cutting ice on streets, \$1; D. Duggan, cedar, \$5.90; E. D. Hand, board of health account, \$4.25—advertising court of revision, \$3.84; C. Kelly, 1½ cords of stone, \$2.18; clerk, expenses attending county council re-assessment, \$2.50.—Carried.

Mr. Deyman gives notice of a by-law to be passed at the next meeting of the council to empower the reeve and clerk to sign a contract for electric light.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the reeve and clerk be instructed to draft a memorial to the Department of Railways and Canals praying for electric lights to be placed along the banks of the canal.—Carried.

Our "Boss" Fisherman.

This year "fisherman's luck" has been very unequal, as far, at least, as our villagers are concerned; and some of them, who have been out several times without getting more than an occasional bite, are inclined to think that the majority of the fish have migrated from this locality or have permanently lost their appetites. They should ask Mr. E. W. Glaspell his opinion on the subject, and will probably be surprised to find that it differs diametrically from their own. From the year 1860 until he recently moved to the Falls, Mr. Glaspell lived on a farm in Fenelon that runs down to Sturgeon lake, and what he doesn't know about our local waters and the favorite lurking places of their finny inhabitants could be written in a big bold hand on one side of a sheet of note paper. It takes a good deal of "know how" to make a successful fisherman, and Mr. Glaspell possesses a good deal of that indispensable qualification. On Thursday of last week, not having much to do, he went down the river in his canoe, and returned before dark with no fewer than fourteen maskinonge, on Monday evening he caught five and on Tuesday morning four, the great majority of them weighing over five pounds and one or two reaching double that weight. Mr. Glaspell has fished in these and other waters upwards of forty years, and the biggest "lunge" he ever caught weighed 24½ lbs. He has seen a few somewhat heavier, but does not believe the stories occasionally heard of the capture of monsters weighing from 35 to 40 lbs. Scientists tell us that fish grow all their lives, though only very slowly after they have reached a considerable size; but Mr. Glaspell asserts that after death they grow far faster than in their earliest youth, as he has known them to increase 25 per cent. in weight while being carried the width of a single concession. One day a good