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### The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, Sept. 17th, 1897.

#### Coal in Somerville.

Geologists have always maintained that there is no coal in Ontario, but perhaps they never looked for it in Somerville; for on a farm in that township, about eight miles from the Falls, a substance that looks like coal and that burns freely, has been ploughed up from time to time in lumps of various sizes; and under a pine tree, about eighteen inches in diameter, that was blown down last winter, a large mass of the stuff—whatever it is—was found. About two months ago Mr. William Golden took a sample to Toronto and showed it to Mr. Blue, Director of Mines for Ontario; and that gentleman, becoming much interested, took the substance to Dr. Anderson, Government analyst, who tested it in the presence of Mr. Blue, Mr. Golden and some others, and pronounced it good coal. Mr. Golden came home and awaited developments, and on Saturday last received the following letter, the writer of which represents the *Pall Mall Gazette* of London, England:

Parkdale, Toronto, Sept. 10th, 1897.  
WM. GOLDEN, Esq.,  
Fenelon Falls, Ont.

Dear Sir,  
I am reporting on the minerals of Ontario for an English newspaper, and, in speaking to Mr. Blue, of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, a few days ago, he showed me a sample of what looked like coal, and which I understand you left with him. I should be obliged to hear from you, if there is a deposit of this nature in your neighborhood, at your earliest convenience. I expect to be in Lindsay about the middle of next week, and if you let me know about the matter I shall run up and see you.  
Faithfully yours,  
J. Roy Penny.

Mr. Golden mailed a reply on Monday, and on Wednesday received a postcard from Mr. Perry, stating that he would be at the Falls on Thursday afternoon, and we shall be able to give his opinion of the Somerville coal field in next week's issue.

#### Presentation to Capt. Caesar.

The presentation of the Royal Canadian Humane Association's medal to Captain Thomas Caesar of the steamer *Dawn*, for his heroic conduct in saving persons from drowning, took place on Wednesday night in Dickson's hall, which was crammed to the doors, a great many ladies being present. Mr. John A. Barron was unanimously voted to the chair, which he filled to perfection, and made many humorous and appropriate remarks in opening the proceedings and in introducing the other speakers. After Dr. Mason, reeve of the village, read the letter sent to him by the Royal Humane Association, the medal was pinned to Captain Caesar's breast, amidst loud cheering, by Dr. A. Wilson's youngest son, George, whose life is one of the four or five he has saved. The medal, which is of bronze, has on one side the words "Royal Canadian Humane Association," surmounted by a crown and surrounded by a wreath, and on the other side is the following inscription:

"Presented to Captain Thomas Caesar, for conspicuous courage in saving George B. Wilson from drowning in the canal at Fenelon Falls on July 4th, 1896, and for bravery in several other cases of life saving."

Captain Caesar said he was not much of a speaker, but he was thankful to the many residents of Lindsay and Fenelon Falls for their presence, and as-

ured them that he would do his best to save life whenever he had an opportunity of doing so.

Brief but appropriate speeches—interspersed with music by the band and songs by Messrs. Charles Podger and M. J. Wilson—were delivered by George McHugh, M. P., R. J. McLaughlin, D. J. McIntyre, Dr. Burrows, Thomas Stewart, J. H. Carnegie, M. P., John Austin and Dr. Wilson, and the proceedings were concluded by all rising and giving three cheers for Captain Caesar, three for the Queen, and then singing the national anthem.

#### A Narrow Escape.

The two little sons of Mr. Thomas Smith of Bond street—James, aged 4, and George, aged 2½ years—had a narrow escape from death by poison on Thursday last week. Some time ago Mr. Smith purchased a small quantity of Paris green to kill potato bugs; but it was not all used, and a paper bag containing about enough to fill three teaspoons was put away upon the top shelf of a closet in a room in which stores of various kinds are kept. While Mrs. Smith was lying ill in bed, on the day mentioned, Jimmy ran into her room with one hand over his mouth, which was making a munching motion, and with the front of his dress covered with Paris green. His frightened mother asked him what he was doing, and where Georgey was, to which the little fellow replied, "Oh, I'm sick!" and laid his hand upon his breast. Mrs. Smith sprang out of bed and told the young girl who was in attendance upon her to look for George, and the girl, rushing into the store room, found the child seated upon the closet shelf deliberately eating the poisonous stuff. The girl was sent in hot haste for Dr. Graham, and Mrs. Smith at once proceeded to force some butter and castor oil down the children's throats. As soon as the doctor arrived, which was in a very few minutes, he administered a mustard emetic and then went for his stomach-pump, with which he emptied the stomach of the younger patient. He said he did not think that Jimmy had swallowed enough of the Paris green to endanger his life, but that Georgey would undoubtedly have been dead in twenty minutes if prompt action had not been taken. The above incident ought to be a warning to all parents to keep poisons locked up in a box, and hide the key, or hang them up so high that they cannot possibly be got at by children too young to understand their dangerous properties. Paris green is used by almost every person who has a potato patch, and in the majority of houses it is probably left within easy reach of the little ones.

#### Hymeneal.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. John Quinn of Fenelon Falls on Tuesday evening, September 14th, when his eldest daughter Maggie was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Waugh of this place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. P. Steel. The bride was attended by her sister Rose, while Mr. Charles Edwards was the groom's best man. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony and congratulated the happy pair. A sumptuous repast was provided and heartily enjoyed. An array of handsome presents did honor to the bride. All concerned in this happy union are to be congratulated, and as both are highly esteemed and industrious, good prospects of a bright future are before them. We wish them many years of happy life.

#### Personals.

Miss Dickson left last week to visit relatives in the city of Montreal.

Mr. A. Clark, Jr., returned on Wednesday from a trip to Manitoba and the North-west.

Mrs. McDougall returned last week from Toronto, where she has been attending the millinery openings.

Mrs. D. G. Smith of Toronto came to the Falls last Monday on a visit to her relatives in the village and its vicinity.

Miss Huston returned to the Falls from Toronto last week to resume her position as head milliner at Mrs. McDougall's.

Mr. Alexander McLeod of Toronto was at the Falls on Monday last. He has been busy the greater part of the summer building a town hall at Haliburton.

Rev. T. P. Steel's father-in-law, Mr. William Anderson of Prince Edward, and his (Mr. Steel's) sister-in-law, Miss Nellie Lemon of Lemonville, Ont., are visiting at the parsonage.

Mr. Noble Watson, formerly a resident of this village, was here on Thursday last week, accompanied by his wife. He is engineer on a train that runs between Milwaukee, Wis., and other points, and his home is in that

city. Though he was a boy when he left the Falls about fifteen years ago, he and some of his old school-fellows recognized each other at once.

#### Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, Sept. 13th, 1897.  
Council met pursuant to adjournment. All the members present except Councillor Martin. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Messrs. Farncomb, McNally and H. J. Lytle waited on the council in regard to light on Francois street west.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That this council as a whole visit the different parts of the circuit of the electric street light to see if any changes are needed in the same, and that we appoint Friday night, 17th inst., to attend to this business.—C'd.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Deyman, That the following accounts be paid and the reeve give his orders for the same: Walter McCall, drawing two loads plank, 25c.; Joseph Carpenter, digging pit for night soil, \$1; S. Nevison, salary to date, \$26—look for hook and ladder house, 30c.—Carried.

Mr. Robson gives notice of a by-law to be introduced at the next regular meeting, to amend section 1 of By-law No. 311, a by-law to prevent public nuisances.

#### Fenelon Council Proceedings.

Cameron, September 14th, 1897.  
Council met pursuant to adjournment, all the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. T. Stewart, who appeared for Mr. J. Britton, addressed the council regarding the obstructions to Lake Avenue, Sturgeon Point, at lot 9.

Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the clerk is hereby instructed to notify Mr. Barr that unless he permits the use of a road across his lot at Sturgeon Point this council will be compelled to open the roadway in front of said lot, and the reeve is hereby authorized to have all trees and obstructions to public travel removed off the roadway at this point if this request is not complied with.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Currin, seconded by Mr. Palmer, That Mr. James Miller is authorized to spend \$14 on the road allowance between lots 26 and 27, concession 7, this amount to be payable when the taxes are collected.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Currin, seconded by Mr. Parkin, That John Hay be instructed to remove his fence off the road allowance between the 9th and 10th concessions from the quarter line to the lake.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Currin, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the reeve is hereby instructed to sign a contract with Messrs. Baer & Co. for the construction of a bridge across the Balsam river at Rosedale on the best terms he can procure, said bridge to be built according to their patent and under the inspection of a person to be named by this council, and that Messrs. Palmer and Parkin are authorized to have the present approach and the space between the first and second piers from the south end filled to the height of the present bridge with stone, and to have the present piers rebuilt as far as necessary to receive the new bridge, and that a by-law shall be introduced at the next meeting of this council to authorize the issuing of debentures for the borrowing of such a sum as will be necessary to meet all the expenditures incurred by the erection of the said bridge and approach.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Parkin, That the following bills be paid: Oliver Glaspell, 96 feet of cedar for culvert, \$1.92; D. Brown, 162 feet of cedar for culvert, \$3 24; M. Hayzarth, 30 loads gravel, \$1 50; Mrs. McGee, 106 loads gravel, \$5 30; D. Tolmie, repairs to scraper, 50c.; Thos. Wood, hewing and putting new cover on bridge at Feir's mill, \$2.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Currin, That Mr. Hall receive \$2 for one day's services attending Ontario Government overseer while inspecting damage done to 2nd concession at lot 30 by Rosedale locks, and that Messrs. Hall and Webster receive \$2 each for their services inspecting Rosedale bridge, making measurements and making application to the Ontario Government for a grant to rebuild the said bridge.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Currin, That Mr. John Broken-shire is hereby instructed to expend \$4 on the Rosedale beat, the said amount being commuted.—Carried.

The council then adjourned to meet on the 15th of December, next if not sooner called by the reeve.

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.—434f