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He studied the gas under Dr. Colton, of
New York, the originator of gas for extract-
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CHEAP is a word with two meanings when applied to Shoes. First, something that is low-priced and poor; and, secondly, something for which a low price is asked, and yet of good quality. We intend to call your attention to a few lines of goods coming under the second meaning, as follows:

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| Woman's Dongola Oxford Hand-turned, black, | Regular \$1.75 for \$1.25 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Sizes 3 and 3½ | “ 1.25 for 90 |
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Correspondence.

The Sidewalk Question.

To the Editor of the Gazette.

SIR,—
My attention has been called to a
letter which appeared in last week's issue
of the Lindsay Watchman, and which pre-
tended to get forth in terms intended to be
final, the "facts" and exact circumstances
in connection with the purchase of the
sidewalk plank in May last. Now, sir,
although this letter was not addressed to
me, my name has been so freely used in
connection with this matter, and the argu-
ments used by the chairman of the streets
and bridge committee are so manifestly
unfair, and calculated at any cost to any
one to protect himself and cover up the
unfitness of his department, that I have
decided—as a ratepayer of this village, and
not in any way as an employee of the To-
ronto Bank mill—to ask you to kindly
grant me a little space in your paper, that
I may be enabled to give to the ratepayers
of this municipality the benefit of my ex-
perience in lumber in a frank and impartial
criticism of the letter; and in this way
prove to them how far Mr. Austin was cor-
rect in his statements; how far he was
actuated by a desire to advance the inter-
ests of the people, and how far he was
actuated by the first and foremost instinct
of man, the art of self preservation against
the evil day to come. First of all, how-
ever, before I go any further, let it again
be distinctly and most emphatically under-
stood that Mr. Wright, whose employee I
am, and whose interests I always consult
in every detail in matters pertaining to
business, and who, furthermore, is
amply competent to write himself if he
wished to, has no knowledge whatever of
this letter, but I am acting exclusively in
my capacity as a ratepayer of Fenelon
Falls. Now, I have no wish in the least
degree to be personal, nor do I wish to be
anything else than fair to all parties con-
cerned; but let us look into this matter
without fear, favor or affection. To begin
with, I contend that the street and bridge
committee chairman's letter is unfair, and
is above all things actuated by a desire to
persuade the ratepayers into believing that
their best interests were served, and that,
even if this was not the case, some one
else, and not the street and bridge com-
mittee chairman, was to blame. If not,
why should Mr. Austin strive to create the
impression that the Bank offered them cull
lumber only, when in reality four kinds of

lumber were offered at four different prices? Why should he try to throw the blame on to the shoulders of another by stating that Mr. Martin said, "As the Bank had no cedar they had better award the tender to Mr. Ellis"? whereas, what Mr. Martin really said was that the best thing to do would be to go and see the lumber and choose after-
wards, and he was not the only member of the council who to my own knowledge held this same opinion; but Mr. Austin was chairman and Mr. Austin had a grudge to settle, and settle it he did. The village paid the shot because Mr. Austin's motto was triumphant, viz: "To-h—ll with the Bank, we will buy no plank from them!" I am sure the Bank did not care a great deal, for it could not possibly have made any very material difference in the length of time required in getting rid of over 30,000,000 feet of lumber, even if they did make a sale to this village of a couple or three carloads of what is considered the most saleable stock on hand; so that, after all, the triumph was robbed of the sting as far as the Bank was concerned; but still the sting was there, and somebody had to get it, and the ratepayers filled the bill, because, if any advantage was to accrue to anyone, through having the Bank submit a tender, it would and should be to the rate-
payers and not to the Toronto Bank, Mr. Ellis or any other person who had plank to sell. I have always been of the opinion, and have expressed myself that way to Mr. Ellis personally, that, all things being any way near equal, he, by virtue of being a long resident here, and a profitable one at that, in so far as being a manufacturer and employer of labor, was the person who should be favored if any one was. I have never tried, nor do I wish in any way to criticize Mr. Ellis for his part in the trans-
action as far as concerns what he paid for the plank, when he got it, how he bought it, what amount of profit he made on it, what he did with the portion that was not suitable for sidewalks, or what proportion of it was obtained from the Bank mill yard. All these things are Mr. Ellis's own busi-
ness, and I can see where he may have made only an ordinary legitimate profit on that portion of it which he purchased from the Bank, and he is at liberty to make any profit that he can; many people around here have purchased that same plank, and it is well known what it is like and how much is charged per thousand for lumber marked 89. However, in this instance he sold the corporation for \$11 per thousand what they might have purchased for \$6.50 certainly not more than \$8 per thousand, delivered on the ground in all lengths re-
quired. The street and bridge committee chairman states in his letter that the To-
ronto Bank mill offered cull lumber for \$6.50 per thousand; but it was all lengths and widths and was unsuitable for sidewalks, as the said walks are 4, 6 and 8 feet wide, so the waste in cutting cull lumber would be very great and make it dear lumber in the long run." Now let us see how far Mr. Austin was right in this statement, and how much he knows about lumber. I say and I know that the Toronto Bank offered four kinds of lumber, two of which at least were away below the tender accepted. First of all we come to the item of the 2 x 5 and up, 10 to 16 foot long mill culls; and this is the most important item, be-
cause Mr. Austin has said that it was no use for sidewalks, and I am going to prove that he either did not know what he was talking of or else considers the ratepayers a dead easy mark. By his own admission we have it that the sidewalks were to be four, six and eight feet wide, and as this class of plank is cut at the mill into lengths of 10, 12, 14 and 16 feet, I am un-
able to understand why it could not be made to apply. Ten foot will make 6 and 4; 12 will make two 6 foot pieces or 8 and 4 foot; 14 will make 8 and 6; and 16 will make two 8 foot pieces. So much for the lengths, now for the widths. Five inches and wider, mostly 8 to 12 inches wide, is the average, as is there still to be seen in the piles—half a million feet or over of it. This would be rather better average width than what was used, and this could have been had for \$6.50 a thousand, but they paid \$11 for it, and all because, as Mr. Austin says, the Bank had no cedar; just as though any sane person could be made be-
lieve that Mr. Ellis or any one else who had it would not sell them cedar at the price paid unless they bought plank of him also. Then, if this were not good enough, there was still within their reach the 2 x 12 inches wide, 10 to 16 feet long, box grade, at \$8.50 per thousand, which, besides being all one width, is certainly 20 per cent. better plank for sidewalk purposes than that which was laid down. Another asser-
tion which the street and bridge chairman makes in his letter is that "we before this got some of the same quality from the Bank and it cost \$11.50 per thousand. Now here we have another instance of Mr. Aus-
tin's unfairness. He puts himself in as an authority, and in the same sentence proves how little he knows about lumber, because he does not state, and it must be because he does not know, that the plank for which they paid \$11.50 was very much superior in quality to the class of planks in the side-
walks. In conclusion I might add that, though I have not seen the bill, the most conservative estimate of the loss to the ratepayers in this one transaction which I have yet heard mentioned, and which has the earmarks of reasonableness to recom-
mend it, would be \$100 or more, and which might have been saved had the degree of economy and ordinary shrewdness been practiced which we as ratepayers have a right to expect from the head of a depart-
ment which has the spending of so much money, and who is trusted to look after the best interests of the people.

A. E. GUIDAL.

Fenelon Falls, Nov. 1st, 1898.