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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, Jan. 9th, 1903.

The Bye-Elections.

The three constituencies in which there were bye-elections on Wednesday, the 7th inst., all went Liberal. In North Grey Mr. McKay had a majority of 269; in North Perth Mr. Brown's majority was 221; and in North Norfolk Mr. Little had a majority of 55. Premier Ross now has a safe majority of five, and there is no longer any doubt that the present Government will continue to rule Ontario.

Why He Did It.

A few days ago the Liberals of Ontario were surprised—not to say dismayed—to learn that Mr. S. H. Blake had deserted the party and transferred his allegiance to Mr. Whitney. Naturally, everybody wanted to know the real reason why he had "flopped," because his allegation that he had become disgusted with Reform corruption, and enamoured of the comparative purity of the Conservatives, was about equivalent to saying that he intended to emigrate to the north pole in order to escape the intense cold of Canada. When everybody wants to find anything out, it is generally soon discovered; and already it is believed that Mr. Blake was "miffed" because a lawsuit in which he was counsel for one of the litigants did not pan out to please him. A man who appeared to know what had caused Mr. Blake's stampede gave the following explanation to the Toronto Star:

"The trouble was over the reversal of a departmental decision in which some clients of Mr. Blake were concerned by the Commissioner of Crown Lands. There were some mining lands to which Mr. Blake's clients laid claim. They had complied with the regulations, and were by the strict rules of the Department entitled to the claim. The land in dispute was a part of what is now the Helen mine, owned and being operated by Clergue, in New Ontario. Mr. Clergue thought his claim covered this land of Mr. Blake's clients, but the fact turned out otherwise, owing to some short-coming, so the Star's informant seemed to think, on the part of Mr. Clergue's lawyer. But, it seems, it was on the strength in part of this claim that Mr. Clergue was constructing the blast furnaces which, with their allied industries, were promising so much for New Ontario. The iron ore to be taken from this disputed ground was necessary to the success of his plans, and Mr. Clergue threatened to stop the work. The Americans who were Mr. Blake's clients proposed, on the other hand, to export the ore. The question for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to determine, therefore—the appeal by the disputants under the law being to him—was as between public policy and equity on the one side and strictly technical—or, perhaps, strictly legal—rights on the other. The Commissioner decided according to public policy. The result was that the ore is being smelted in Canada. But Mr. Blake, making the cause of his clients his own, turned against the Government."

The same paper, in a later issue, says editorially:

"What man will now believe that Mr. S. H. Blake was actuated by public motives alone in his break with the Ross Government? He had, in truth, a quarrel over the claim of some clients. He is a high handed man, and went about obtaining from the Government what he wanted in a characteristic way. But he found in Mr. Ross a man not to be frightened by the vengeance of a

Blake. Mr. Ross told him, in effect: 'Mr. Clergue thought we were granting him this land (in dispute). We thought we were granting it to him, and if it now turns out that there has been some error on the part of a surveyor, we will do what we thought we were doing before, and the public interest will be served by our course.' How many men in the Province will say Mr. Ross's words do not do him credit? To have surrendered their own judgment and the interests of the Province to appease the anger of Mr. S. H. Blake would have been unworthy of the Premier and his Government. Fortunately Mr. Blake was not able to influence the Government of the Province for the benefit of his clients. Fortunately the Province had in Mr. Ross a man whose courage is deserving of the admiration of every man who is not afraid to walk erect and look angry men in the face."

A Good Time.

The children of St. James' Sunday School had a good time on Tuesday afternoon and evening. About 2.30 three large farm sleighs, owned respectively by Mr. John H. Cassidy, Mr. Edward English and Mr. Joseph Pogue, left Twomey's hall with about 65 youngsters, who were taken for a drive of a few miles in the country, the route taken being out by Mr. Cassidy's and home by the boundary. With such loads, the ride was not a very fast one, but that made it last all the longer, and it was thoroughly enjoyed, as the weather was simply delightful. Upon their return, the children played in and around the hall, while long tables were covered by the ladies of the congregation with sandwiches, cakes, pies, tarts, etc., which, with tea and coffee, constituted the refreshments provided for the occasion. After the children had "eaten and were filled," the adults took their places, and when they had finished the tables were cleared and removed and the game of "Jacob and Rachel," a sort of limited "blind man's buff," was played for a time and caused a lot of merriment. At its conclusion the church organ was carried to the hall, and a programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through. Nearly all the recitations were by children, more than a dozen of whom had learned short pieces in rhyme, which they delivered with more or less vim and rapidity. Mr. Thomas Cashore, who has a very good voice, sang a couple of songs which fairly "brought down the house," and will cause him to be in request at future entertainments. The annual sleigh ride of the St. James' church Sunday school children was instituted some years ago; but we feel quite sure that it and the "subsequent proceedings" were never more thoroughly enjoyed than they were on Tuesday last.

Trent Valley League Schedule.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Trent Valley Hockey League held in Peterboro last week, the following districts were arranged: No. 1, Stirling, Campbellford, Norwood and Keene. No. 2—T. A. S. of Peterboro, Bobcaygeon and Lakefield. No. 3—Peterboro, Lakefield and Fenelon Falls. The schedule was arranged as follows: District No. 1—Jan. 9, Keene vs. Campbellford, Norwood vs. Stirling; Jan. 12, Stirling vs. Keene; Jan. 13, Campbellford vs. Norwood; Jan. 14, Norwood vs. Keene; Jan. 16, Stirling vs. Campbellford; Jan. 20, Norwood vs. Campbellford, Keene vs. Stirling; Jan. 23, Campbellford vs. Keene, Stirling vs. Norwood; Jan. 27, Keene vs. Norwood, Campbellford vs. Stirling. District No. 2—Jan. 10, T. A. S. vs. Bobcaygeon; Jan. 14, Bobcaygeon vs. Lakefield; Jan. 16, Lakefield vs. T. A. S.; Jan. 20, Lakefield vs. Bobcaygeon; Jan. 27, Bobcaygeon vs. T. A. S.; Jan. 30, T. A. S. vs. Lakefield. District No. 3—Jan. 10, Lindsay vs. Peterboro; Jan. 13, Fenelon vs. Lindsay; Jan. 15, Peterboro vs. Fenelon; Jan. 21, Fenelon vs. Peterboro; Jan. 23, Lindsay vs. Fenelon; Jan. 27, Peterboro vs. Lindsay. The games are to be played on the ice of the last mentioned clubs.

Personals.

Miss Kate Hughes, of Somerville, is home from Toronto.

Mr. J. H. Carnegie, M. P. P., passed through the Falls on Saturday.

Mr. William Keys, of Lindsay, visited friends in Fenelon on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Morrison, of Lindsay, were at the Falls on New Year's Day.

Mr. J. J. Townley went to Toronto on New Year's Day on business, and got home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. English, of Fenelon, returned last Tuesday from their wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, of Lindsay, drove to the Falls on Sunday, and spent the afternoon at Mrs. Hand's.

Mr. John Richards and Mr. Robert

Byres, of Lindsay, were at the Falls for a short time on Monday evening.

Miss Mary M. Roberts, of Fell's Station, Somerville, left on Friday last for a month's visit to relatives in Toronto.

Mrs. George Carew, of Lindsay, has been at the Falls since Tuesday, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Torrance.

Miss Annie Worsley, of Toronto, and Mr. G. Sanford, are visiting at Mr. Eli Worsley's. Miss Worsley will remain in this vicinity for some time.

Mrs. L. Thompson, Toronto, daughter of Mr. Eli Worsley, returned to the city on Monday, after spending the holiday season at her old home in Fenelon.

Messrs. J. R. Hand, C. E. Hand, H. E. Austin and Herbert Puley, all of whom spent Christmas and New Year's at home, left on Monday morning, the first named for St. Joseph Island and the other three for Toronto.

Powles' Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

One morning last week Mr. James Wagar, on going to his stable, found that two 2-year-old heifers had got choked to death by their chains during the night. At the least calculation they were worth \$40.

The annual school meeting came off without any contention, but it is hard to tell what a year may bring forth. Mr. John Moore was the retiring trustee, and Mr. W. H. Cullis was elected for 1903. Notices were posted up asking for tenders for the caretaking of the school house, and the services of the Gillis family were retained, as their tender was the lowest.

We have commenced upon a new year, which, like its predecessors, will be one of thrilling interest. According to statistics, 30,000,000 people will die. These will not all be old people, but will range from helpless infancy to helpless age. Lean upon your God, and remember His promise that as your day is so shall your strength be.

On the 31st of December Mr. John Braden's horses got the start of him and ran to Ball Point, and then turned north along the lake shore as far as Mr. Robert McGee's, where they were stopped by one of the boys. The horses were attached to a set of sleighs, and were pretty well warmed up when caught.

On the evening of the 24th Mr. D. Worsley was going home from the church with quite a number of passengers in his sleigh. The roads were icy and the sleigh slewed around and upset, and by some means the lines became detached from Dave's hands, and the horses left the sleigh box and passengers behind, and made good time going home. That finishes the runaways for 1902.

Among the many publications that the postmaster is soliciting subscriptions for are the Toronto Daily Star and the Farmers' Advocate of London, Ont. Every farmer should have the Advocate, as it is the best farmers' paper in the province.

Mr. W. H. Day, of the Toronto University, spent Christmas holidays at home.

Professor James Marshall is making a lengthy visit in the Queen City.

Miss Annie Worsley, of Toronto, is enjoying a visit at home.

We are glad to see our old friend, Mr. Arthur Willock, among us again.

MASONIC SERMON.—Rev. Mr. Garbutt preached a Masonic sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday last and two sleigh loads of Masons—one from Lindsay and the other from Kinmount—drove to the Falls to hear it, in response to an invitation from the brethren here.

PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING.—The general annual meeting of the members of the Fenelon Falls public library will be held in the reading room on Monday, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Management for the ensuing year. A full attendance is requested.

A Great Sufferer Cured.

Mr. Benjamin Dillon, of Leeds, Ont., was cured of muscular rheumatism by Polson's Nerviline, and says: "I feel my duty is to proclaim Polson's Nerviline as an infallible cure for rheumatism; it cured me after 30 years' suffering, and nothing I know of equal its penetrating power. Nerviline simply has no equal in quickly relieving and curing rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica and lumbago. A trial will convince anyone. Price 25c. Sold by W. H. Robson."

DEFEATED.—The Good Roads by-law and the Carnegie Library by-law were both defeated in Lindsay on Monday, the former by a vote of 417 to 304, and the latter by a vote of 390 to 331. We rejoice at the defeat of the Library by-law, as no community ought, in our opinion, to accept a dollar of Carnegie's ill-gotten wealth.

NEW ORANGE OFFICERS.—The following are the officers of L. O. L. No. 996 for the ensuing year: W. M., Bro. J. T. Thompson Jr.; D. M., Bro. S. D.