

BOYS' NEW SPRING SUITS.



We've made it our aim this year to introduce a better class of clothing for boys.

This week we have opened up a large range of Boys' Suits, the finest we have ever shown.

Suits to please Everybody.

2-piece Suits to fit boys from 3 to 8 years, \$1.50 to \$4.50.

3-piece Suits for boys from 9 to 14 years, newest patterns in tweeds and worsteds, both stripes and checks, a very fine range at 4.00 and \$4.50 to \$7.

Large sizes in Boys' Suits, \$5.00 and as high as \$10.00.

Boys' Knee Pants in sizes 22 to 33 at 50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

These goods cannot be beaten in quality or price.

W. BURGOYNE.

Departmental Store.

S. J. Petty, the Jeweler.

VICTORIA COUNTY'S LEADING JEWELER.

We are making the greatest effort in our history to make the holiday season of 1903 surpass anything we have ever attempted. We are showing the best and most varied assortment of Gem and Wedding Rings, Gentlemen's Signet Rings, Gold, Gold-filled, Silver and Gun-metal Watches, Bracelets in several designs, the richest in Gold and Pearl Brooches, some elegant goods in cases suitable for presents. EBONY GOODS. Combs, Brushes, Mirrors, holiday goods for the ladies in morocco cases. Sterling Novelties, Sterling and Plated Silverware, etc. Remember we do the finest Repairing in watches and jewelry, and in Engraving we have no competitors. Come early and give us a chance by buying your goods and having them engraved before the rush. Bear in mind we are headquarters for Watches, Gem and Diamond Rings, repairing in watches and fine engraving.

S. J. Petty,

Lindsay. The Jeweller.

Furniture and Undertaking.

Just received this week another lot of nice Baby Carriages that are **Special Value.**

Also Extension Tables, Sideboards and Bedroom Suites.

I carry in stock a full line of Parlour Suites, Lounges, Chairs, Etc.

Picture framing a Specialty.

If you are in need of a Sewing Machine, be sure and see my styles before buying.

L. DEYMAN.



THE FARMER

who uses seeds of unknown age and origin runs a big risk. After planting them and waiting weeks for them to sprout, they fail altogether or throw a few unhealthy, struggling sprouts. The only

Farm and Garden Seeds

fit to use are the best. They are fresh and sound. They will grow surely and quickly with every plant true to name. Better buy your seeds here and know what you are getting. We have a big lot of Grass and Clover Seed.

Robson's Drug Store,
Fenelon Falls.

I HAVE PURCHASED W. McKEOWN'S FURNITURE BUSINESS,

and will carry a large and up-to-date stock of furniture.

Am also prepared to do all kinds of

Carriage Making, Repairing and Repainting,

and to make

DOORS AND SASH.

Planing done on short notice.

S. S. Gainer.

DO YOU NEED A NEW WAGGON?

I SELL
GOOD ONES.
COME AND
SEE THEM.

THOS. ROBSON.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, April 22nd, 1904.

A Tremendous Fire in Toronto.

On Tuesday night the Queen city was scourged by the worst conflagration in its history. The fire, which is supposed to have been caused by an electric light wire, broke out at 8 o'clock in the second story of E. & S. Currie's neckwear factory on Wellington street west, spread to Bay street, south to the Esplanade, and then, returning east and north, the flames moved up the east side of Bay street, and thence along Front street and Wellington street. In response to telegrams, aid was promptly sent from Hamilton, Buffalo, London and Peterborough, and the city fire brigade made a splendid fight; but the buildings were too near together for much good to be done, and nearly all Toronto's wholesale district was soon wrapped in flames. Up to 4.15 on Wednesday morning, when the Globe's special edition went to press, no fewer than fifty-six buildings, of which only two were vacant, had been wholly or partially destroyed; and it is probable that if the wind had been blowing from instead of towards the lake, the fire would have swept away half the city. Up to that time no loss of life had occurred, but several firemen had been slightly hurt, and chief Thompson had his right leg very badly fractured by falling from a hose down which he was escaping from a burning building. An insurance expert estimates the loss at the enormous sum of \$17,000,000, with insurances of \$7,000,000 on the buildings and \$4,000,000 on stock. It is said that the fire has ruined the stationery trade of Canada, and that a thousand men have been thrown out of employment in that industry alone.

Later.—Thursday's daily papers put the estimated loss at between \$13,000,000 and \$15,000,000, with insurance \$8,885,000. Fourteen acres were burned over, 86 warehouses and factories were destroyed and about 5,000 employees temporarily thrown out of work.

The War in the East.

Just as we were getting ready to go to press last week news came of the sinking of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk in Port Arthur harbor, and the drowning of Admiral Makaroff and 600 men. Later accounts say that the Petropavlovsk, instead of having been blown up by a mine, as was at first stated, was really destroyed by Japanese torpedo boats, and there were 790 men on board. Among the very few who escaped was the Grand Duke Cyril, cousin of the Czar, and next heir but one to the throne. Admiral Makaroff was Russia's best naval officer, and it is said that there is hardly a man fit to take his place. He was a strong advocate of fast cruisers as against mammoth battleships, holding that four of the former, which could be built at the same cost as one of the latter, would be the best investment from the point of effectiveness in a naval campaign. The admiral was, we think, right. Monstrous ships of the Petropovlovsk class are unwieldy and dangerously top heavy, and to invest \$5,000,000, more or less, in one of them, is putting "too many eggs into one basket." They are simply death traps, and the Toronto Star says: "Men will fight bravely under any conditions where valor can serve, or skill preserve them, but it will be curious if there does not begin to grow up a world-wide disfavor for service in men-of-war that may be sent to the bottom in a moment, without any man on board having a chance for his life or any fair opportunity to avoid such a fate by the exercise of skill and courage. In one sea fight in this war two or three vessels were sunk, with great loss of life and property, and yet the engagement altogether did not last half an hour. The wars between China and Japan,

the United States and Spain, and the present one, are sure to teach the big nations caution in beginning hostilities." It is again asserted that the Russian fleet—which ventured out of Port Arthur harbor on the 13th inst. and then went in again—is "bottled up," the entrance having been closed to all but vessels of light draught by the sinking of the Petropovlovsk; but almost every report or rumor that comes from the seat of war is contradicted or modified a day or two later, and we hardly know what to believe. One report is that the Japanese will sweep the channel with steel nets before again venturing out; and this is followed by another to the effect that the Baltic fleet will be kept where it is, and that Russia will attempt to fight the Japs with submarines. There is still no sign of an immediate collision between the rival forces on land; but it is said that the Japanese are taking ample time to perfect their plans, and the Russians appear to be doing so likewise.

The T. V. C. Route.

The discussion as to the route of the unconstructed portion of the Trent Valley Canal still continues, and a reporter of the Toronto Star, writing from Port Hope on the 18th inst., gives an account of an interview with Dr. L. B. Powers, president of the Port Hope Canal Association, and some of its other officers. The president said:

"It has ceased to be a political plaything, and is about to become a reality of more or less proportion. Is the government going to complete it on the lines it began it—a six or eight-foot play toy canal—or are they going to finish it as it should be finished, with a ten, twelve or fourteen foot draft? And if it is to be finished upon a proper basis, is the government to be led around by the nose by a few interested parties and induced to complete this important canal over a route that is comparatively worthless, when a more practical route can be utilized at a much smaller expenditure, and with much greater advantage to the entire country? Port Hope doesn't want the canal if we cannot prove that our route is the most feasible. If our route is the most feasible and will be to the greater advantage of the country, we want it brought to Lake Ontario via Bewdley and this port. If the Trent River route to the Bay of Quinte is the better, then we will fall into line and pull for the completion of the line by way of Trenton. All we want is to prevent the Government making what we consider will be a huge and costly blunder."

And other officers of the association said that if an unprejudiced man of ability would say that their route was not the better one, they would accept the verdict and turn in and help Peterborough and Trenton force on the completion of the canal by the original route. We do not feel competent to give an opinion on the merits of either route; but Port Hope's position is an eminently fair one—so fair as to convince us that they honestly believe that the verdict of an unprejudiced man would be in their favor. The people of the town say that their route would have overwhelming advantages and be a great deal cheaper than the other; and the facts and figures given to the Toronto Star's reporter prove—assuming them to be correct and uncontroversial—that the Port Hoppers are right. It is to be hoped that the work on the canal will be resumed at the earliest possible moment and continued until it shall be fully completed; and that the best, not the cheapest, route will be decided upon without regard to the interest or wishes of any particular locality.

Powles' Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

Mr. James Mitchell left for Delaware last Monday. There was a delay of a week or more on account of not being able to get a car when he wanted it. We wish him a safe journey to his destination. We also extend our best wishes to his successor, Mr. Marsh, who has a good farm, with no doubt many days' hard work ahead of him in the near future; but, being a young man with strong, willing hands, he is sure to succeed.

The unpleasant duty that Mr. W. H. Powles had to perform last Saturday at Fenelon Falls will no doubt bring about good results in this community. The people in this locality are praising the postmaster for doing what he did. [The above arrived too late for insertion last week.—Ed.]

The weather so far this month is just about what the Rev. Ira Hicks, the weather prophet of St. Louis, predicted. It is really too bad to have the winter, already unusually long and cold, hang out until near the first of May, as it is now almost sure to do, and is almost enough to turn a person against this

country for ever.

The school trustees here are going to discard the old board fence around the school yard, and build one of wire. It is a pity that some kind of an iron fence could not be built about fifteen feet high, so that there would be no possible way for the scholars to get out on the road from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. About four years ago a resolution was passed at a school meeting to the effect that the children must be kept in the playground during school hours. It worked all right for 99 days, and then they were running all over again the same as ever. For many years they have had too much liberty and have been a nuisance to those who live near the school.

Mr. Oliver Glaspyll has finished assessing the township, and pronounces this winter the worst in which he ever made the round.

Mr. John A. Day has been moving this week to the farm he has purchased in Mariposa. His many friends here wish him prosperity and happiness in his new home. John is a hard-working, honest, industrious young man, just the kind that will succeed.

Mrs. Samuel Walker, of Lindsay, is spending a few days here visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Gillis.

Mrs. M. McNeil, of Ops township, spent a week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

The farmers of this locality expect to commence seeding about the 1st of May, about three weeks later than last year.

Personals.

Miss Vera Bonnell, of Bobcaygeon, is at the Falls, visiting at Mr. James Dickson's.

Mr. Thomas Hall and family left the Falls last week for Novar, in the Muskoka District.

Mr. Bert Townley took a business trip out north on Tuesday, and came home on Thursday.

Mr. George Rutherford, of Rosseau, and his nephew, Findlay Varcoe, are visiting their relatives at the Falls.

Mr. M. L. Demill, of Maple Lake, is at the Falls, visiting Mrs. Demill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haskell.

Mr. John Short, License Inspector, of Lindsay, was at the Falls on Tuesday, and gave the Gazette a friendly call.

Mr. William Davey left for Orillia on Thursday of last week, on account of the serious illness of his son, Wesley, who, we are glad to hear, is now much better. Mr. Davey came home on Tuesday, but Mrs. Davey, who went to Orillia a fortnight ago, is there yet.

MONEY IN POULTRY.—Now is the time to plan for it. Secure good settings and thereby have large quantities of good early chickens and turkeys for

BIG PRICE.—During the month of March the Kinmount creamery paid 18½ cents per pound for butter fat. And yet you can find farmers growing about hard times.

CURLERS' SERMON.—Rev. John Garbutt, chaplain of the local curling club, will preach a sermon to the curlers on Sunday evening, the 24th inst. Seats will be reserved for the members of the club, and a good attendance is requested. R. A. Robinson, President.

Wanted Quick.—Pant and vest-maker. Prices, vests 90c., pants \$1.00. Apply to A. H. McGrath, merchant tailor, Kinmount, Ont.

BREEZY POINT, MAY 3RD.—The serio-comic drama entitled "Breezy Point," now in course of preparation by the young people of St. James' church, will be given in Dickson's hall on the evening of Tuesday, May 3rd. Keep the date open and watch for posters and further announcements.

SHOOT HIM.—For some days past a very large hawk has been hovering over the village, and he has twice been seen flying down the river with a pigeon in his talons. There will not be many of these birds left in the village if he is not killed or frightened away, and he looks big enough to be able to carry off hens when he has eaten all the pigeons. A few years ago a hawk, apparently of the same species, located himself somewhere near the Falls and committed many murders before he was put an end to, and the present visitor ought to be shot as soon as possible.

DICKSON'S HALL.—The alterations in Dickson's hall, work on which has been going on for some time past, were completed early this week. The stage has been enlarged by the removal of the dressing-rooms behind it, two large dressing-rooms have been built in the basement, the seating capacity of the hall has been considerably increased by the "redistribution of seats" and the removal of the stoves; and a furnace in the basement, a new piano and electric footlights add greatly to the comfort, convenience and appearance of the interior. A considerable sum of money has been spent on the improvements,