

Abolish the Patent Laws.

We have always—that is to say, for very many years—maintained that the patent laws ought to be abolished, that inventors ought to be liberally rewarded by the State, and that any person who thinks fit to do so ought to be at liberty to manufacture and sell any "new and useful article" that makes its appearance. Under the present system many men who have spent years of their lives and large sums of money in perfecting some wonderful offspring of their inventive genius have died poor, while other men, who couldn't invent a mouse-trap, have secured the patent and made millions out of it—millions taken legally but wrongfully out of the pockets of the public. As proof that our opinion is correct, here is a paragraph from the last issue of a Socialist paper:

"In seven years, according to an advertisement in the New York Herald of October 15th, each hundred dollars originally put into the Linotype company paid \$127,150 in dividends! Talk about profit not being robbery. What do you call that?"

The Linotype is a machine that sets types for printing—and throws a lot of compositors out of work. To look at one you would think that it could be sold at a fair profit for less than \$100, but the price charged is from \$1,000 upwards, and that is how \$127,000 were made out of one hundred in seven years. That is how the people are skinned on every machine that is manufactured, as long as the patent lasts; and the patent on an article is often prolonged, by the addition of some little alteration or improvement, beyond the term for which it was originally granted. The patent law not only leads to the exploiting of the public, but it also leads to the suppression of many useful inventions that, but for its existence, would be manufactured although they conflict with others already upon the market; and of this there was an instance in our line of business a few years ago. Up to that time wood type was made of specially prepared rock maple, and was very expensive; but it occurred to some one to make what was called "holly-wood type," which could be sold at less than half the price of the old kind, would do nearly or quite as good work, and, with care, would last for many years. It was put upon the market and we bought some larger type than we thought it would pay us to purchase at the old prices. But when, after a while, we ordered some more, we were informed that it was no longer to be had; the meaning of which was that the manufacturers of the old kind of type had acquired the patent on the new, but would not make it because it was not so profitable. Many other instances of the wrong done under the patent law could be given in support of our contention that it ought to be abolished.

The Hallow E'en Trial.

At the close of the Hallow E'en burglary trial last Thursday, Police Magistrate McSwain took advantage of the opportunity to express his strong disapproval of all such misdemeanors as that which occasioned the trial (in which it was shown that a house had been forcibly entered and a chair thrown out of an upstairs window); and drew attention to the fact that deceptions of this kind are as illegal on Hallow E'en as on any other evening. His Worship gave warning that, without any desire to be harsh, he intended to put down rowdiness and ruffianism at all costs, and called upon parents to assist him by exercising strict discipline over their children, and more particularly by providing them with some entertainment in their own homes, especially on Hallow E'en.

While it is true that many parents could do a great deal more than they do in the respects mentioned, and while there can be no doubt as to the advisability and wisdom of impressing upon them the seriousness of their responsibility, it would scarcely be fair to lay upon them all the blame for their children's misdeeds; for some parents have had very small opportunities; and some children, most carefully raised, have not shown their bringing up. Neither would it be exactly fair to unqualifiedly condemn a young man found guilty for the first time of going beyond the limits in a Hallow E'en escapade, when minor pranks have been winked at for generations and good-naturedly accepted as inevitable by the victims. But second offences, after fair warning, such as has been given, should certainly be punished more or less severely.

The Hallow E'en incident is serious enough, but it is not anything like so serious as, and may have little connection with, the general spirit of irreverence and impatience of parental and every other kind of control that is be-

coming so noticeable.

The importance of proper home influence cannot be overestimated, but there is considerable reason for doubting its power to protect the young men while there are so many injurious outside agencies with which it is difficult to avoid contact, and which will probably remain in some form or other until the conditions under which they flourish are changed. These conditions are making home life of any kind an impossibility for thousands of people all over the world.

Fatal Shooting Accident.

Clifford Burgess, assistant agent at the G. T. R. station at Kinmount, died in the Ross Hospital at Lindsay on Monday night from the effects of a wound received the previous day. He and some other young men went out for a tramp through the woods, and one of them took a rifle, with which, after walking some considerable distance from Kinmount, they commenced to shoot at a mark. When it came to Burgess's turn the weapon missed fire, and he was so incredibly thoughtless as to drop the butt to the ground and look down the barrel to see whether it contained any obstruction. Some of his companions were about to warn him of the danger of what he was doing; but they were too late, for at that instant the charge exploded, and the bullet, entering at his left eye, passed out at the base of his brain. He was taken to Lindsay, under the care of Dr. White, by the train from the north next morning; and all who saw him at the station here expressed the opinion that his case was hopeless, as it proved to be, though, of course, everything possible was done for him at the hospital. The unfortunate young man, who was only about 19, was a son of the Rev. Mr. Burgess, the Church of England clergyman at Bathany.

Some men appear to be born almost entirely destitute of cautiousness, and that the victim of the most recent accident, and the three men who were drowned in Haliburton county on the 1st inst. were of the number cannot be doubted. To look into the barrel of a gun the moment after it had "hung fire," or to attempt to cross troubled water in a canoe crowded with men and dogs, appears to us to be an act of such insane folly that we don't think the offer of Rockefeller's wealth would induce us to perpetrate either of them. This admission will probably cause us to be considered a "coward" by the "brave" men who constantly risk their lives through thoughtlessness—and the majority of whom would shrink from getting married on a Friday, and would jump and yell if they found themselves within a foot or two of a harmless garter snake.

School Report.

Senior 2nd; arithmetic; total 100.—A. Robson 100, M. Poulson 90; J. Northey 85, V. Sewell 73, R. McLutosh 70, O. McGee 70, R. Deyman 65, G. Fountain 65, L. Connell 65, N. Mason 55, M. Shane 48, C. Sinclair 45, W. Robson 40, G. Smith 30, G. Church 23.

Junior 2nd; arithmetic; total 100.—L. McDougall 86, S. Kelly 76, S. McGregor 75, H. Kidd 75, R. Shane 63, A. Donaldson 63, N. Lansfield 60, R. Mann 60, E. Nugent 58, L. Kelly 54, A. Fountain 52, G. Aldous 51, G. Ingram 50, D. Jones 48, T. Carley 45, C. Soot 43, B. Knox 43, A. Hatus 30, A. Northey 28, R. Griffin 22, E. Puley 16, Janet Northey 14.

Burnt River.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

Mrs. John Windrim, of Lougford Mills, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodgson, last week.

Miss Vera Brown, of Gooderham, was the guest of Miss Ethel McCall for a few days.

Mr. Samuel Sled, of Fenelon, was the guest of his uncle, Mr. Wm. Shuttleworth, for a few days.

The Rev. Mr. Shider, of Norland, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church here last Sabbath.

Miss Emily Shuttleworth was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sled, of Fenelon, for a few days last week.

The hunters now are gathering in, and report the deer very scarce.

Mr. Robert Umphrey has purchased a new Swenson stump puller. We wish him success.

We are sorry to relate the death of Mrs. Thomas Griffin, which occurred on Friday night of last week at twelve o'clock. The funeral was delayed until Tuesday last owing to the absence of friends.

Miss Nie, of Fenelon Falls, was the guest of her sister, Miss Annie Nie, last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Dodd was visiting friends at Lindsay last week.

The Misses Edith and Carrie Tinny have returned to Lindsay, to resume their work.

Powles' Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

Just at present, time will not permit of us giving a very elaborate account of the fowl supper. The good people here were highly favored with fine weather for the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Garbutt preached two excellent sermons on Sunday to large congregations, and on Monday evening every inch of room was occupied, and the quality and quantity of the eatables and the programme pleased everyone. The social on Tuesday evening was also well attended, which added materially to the proceeds, which amounted to \$90.87 clear of all expenses.

Mr. Wm. Wagar, of Atherland, Iowa, U. S., who left here about 35 years ago, was here for about a week visiting his brother, Mr. James Wagar, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wagar, of Parham, are here on their wedding tour.

FARMERS' MEETINGS.—The annual meetings of the East Victoria Farmers' Institute will be held at Bobcaygeon on Monday, Dec. 4th, and at Fenelon Falls on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. Particulars next week.

You can make money easily by attending Burgoyne's November Sale.

SLEIGHING.—Old Probs predicted rain for Wednesday, but, instead of rain, so much snow fell that in the afternoon a few sleighs were out. This (Thursday) morning the snow is melting, and may be all gone before night.

BAPTIST CHURCH, FENELON FALLS.—The pastor will preach at both services next Sunday—morning at 10.30 and evening at 7 p. m. Subject in the morning: "The Oneness of Jesus and the Believer." Subject in the evening: "Forgiveness of Sins." All will be made welcome.

Overcoats: What do you want to pay? That's about the way they are marked at Burgoyne's November Sale.

ANOTHER DROWNING ACCIDENT.—Chief of Police William Bond, of Port Hope, and his sister-in-law, Miss Grice, of Toronto, were drowned at Haliburton; but we cannot learn how the accident occurred. Mr. Bond, who leaves a wife and child, was 34 years old, and Miss Grice was 21.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.—There will be services at the regular hours on Sunday next. On the following Sunday, the 26th inst., there will be Communion service at 10.30 a. m. The services on that day will be conducted by the Rev. P. Yonetaro Matsui, of Toronto. Mr. Matsui is a native of Japan, and will be, we believe, the first of his countrymen to visit this locality.

Your best chance to buy Xmas presents will be at Burgoyne's November Sale.

PERSONALS.—Mr. W. A. Bishop, of the Bank of B. N. A. staff, left for Winnipeg on Saturday, followed by the best wishes of the host of friends he made during his residence at the Falls. Mr. Robert Chambers, of the Lindsay Marble Works, was at the Falls on business on Wednesday. Mr. Angus Moffat, who has been visiting his parents in Fenelon, left on Thursday for Kansas City.

HOME AGAIN.—Two or three of our village huntsmen are home from the north, and the others will return this (Thursday) afternoon, by which time the Gazette will be on the press. We hear that they killed a full average number of deer, one of which—a splendid buck that weighed 212 lbs. after being "viscerated"—Mr. E. W. Glassell brought home on Monday. As usual, he gave part of the venison to personal friends, and we thank him for the fine big roast which he was kind enough to present to us.

Ladies' \$5 Dress Skirts for \$3.98: at Burgoyne's November Sale.

DESTROY NOXIOUS INSECTS.—Prof. Franklin Sherman, Jr., of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has issued a circular urging upon farmers and gardeners the necessity of fighting noxious insects by the destruction of rubbish and remnants, instead of leaving them as breeding places and nurseries of the pests. The circular would occupy more of our space than we care to give it, and we did not receive it until a few days ago; but a great deal of good may still be done by gathering and burning, or by consigning to the compost heap every scrap of all kinds of rubbish that have accumulated around the premises; and the professor says that a coat of whitewash on picket fences will seal up cracks and crevices in which insects might otherwise secrete themselves.

75 cent Dress Goods for 29 cents a yard at Burgoyne's November Sale.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The committee appointed by the Women's Institute on Sept. 30th to meet the resident clergyman of the town in regard to the existing evils of intemperance, met at the home of one of the members on Tuesday, Nov. 7th. It was very much

HEADQUARTERS FOR FINE CLOTHING.

HOW ABOUT YOUR NEW SUIT?

Before you buy your new Suit or Overcoat, call and see our display.

We are the leaders in fine tailored Clothing, as our goods and prices will prove.

Our new Suits this fall at \$9.50, \$10.00 and \$13.00 are far ahead of anything ever before shown in Fenelon Falls.

- New Styles in Boys' Overcoats at \$2 to \$7.50.
- Boys' two-piece Suits at \$1.75 to \$5.00.
- Boys' three-piece school Suits at \$3 to \$7.50.
- Boys' long Overcoats, loose back and belt, at \$5.00 to \$7.50.
- Young men's stylish Overcoats at \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$15.00.

All new goods, and every garment a perfect fit.

W. BURGOYNE.

FENELON FALLS' MOST MODERN STORE.

Great Reductions IN MANTLES AND MILLINERY.

We have still a splendid stock of Ladies Mantles the very style that is sure to please you. These coats are made from good quality cloths, with best linings and trimmings. Not the least of their attractiveness is the price, which is absurdly low.

WE HAVE YOUR SIZE.

Our assortment of ready-to-wear and trimmed Hats is still complete, but prices have been reduced to a minimum.

WM. CAMPBELL.

The Cheap Store.

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.

Just Stop and Think

before you buy your Christmas present. You may have been dealing with us for some time, or perhaps you have not. We think we show the finest, largest and best assorted stock in the County. Wedding Rings, Diamond Rings, Gem Rings of all kinds, Gentlemen's Rings. Our special blow is about our large stock of WATCHES. See our silver, gold and gunmetal Watches for boys and girls. Solid gold, gold filled and nickel cased Watches. We carry in stock over \$2,000 worth of Watches alone. Guards, Long Chains, Brooches, Stick Pins, and an endless variety of suitable Christmas gifts. Come and see for yourself.

S. J. Petty, the Jeweler.

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