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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, April 26th, 1907.

Fire From Ashes.

The question "Will ashes burn?" is answered in the affirmative by the residents of this village who have tried the experiment; but the answer is not, today, given quite as confidently as it was a week or two ago. In an article under the above heading the Globe says:

The Medical Health Officer has pointed out that ashes will not burn. This is universally conceded. The claim is that the ashes with the brine will supply conditions under which the coal can be burned without sending three-fourths of its energy up the chimney. It is now necessary to waste, or at least to lose, that large proportion of heat-producing capacity of coal in securing a sufficient supply of oxygen to support combustion. All the ashes and coal can do is to cause the coal mixed with it to burn without the great waste heretofore accompanying combustion. Many reports of successful experiments have been received, but it is yet too soon to decide positively as to ultimate results. The effect of the new system of combustion must be noted on grates, furnaces, stoves, boilers, and all heating and steam-power appliances. There are many things to be considered, and it would be well for all experimenters to note accurately both the methods adopted and the results obtained. It must be borne in mind that it is the coal, and not the ashes, that burns. If coal and ashes form into an unusually hot and glowing mass of fire, it is because the coal mixed in it is burning, and the ashes, salt and water are supplying sufficient oxygen to support the combustion. All that can be accomplished is the reduction of waste, and so far as this is achieved without the injury or destruction of heating appliances the experiment will be successful. It is matter for experiment and not scientific dogma at the present stage; and, as with all experimenting, the chief need is care in carrying out the processes and accuracy in noting the result.

We believe that the Toronto Medical Health Officer's statement that ashes will not burn is correct; but the small pieces of partially consumed coal that drop into the ash-pan of a stove will burn readily enough, as, also, to some extent, will the cinders that accompany them. Nobody that we know or have heard of read has tried to make pure ashes burn; and, until somebody does try and succeeds, we shall believe that it cannot be done. That a very large percentage of the fuel put into a coal stove is carried away in the ash-pan, every user of coal knows and deplores. A great part of this waste could be avoided by sedulously and persistently sifting the contents of the pan, and throwing all but the genuine ashes back into the coal-bin; but sifting ashes is such a terribly disagreeable work that, rather than do it, almost anybody will suffer the loss of the consumable coal that comes out of a stove with the unconsumable ashes.

Grow Selected Grain.

The Bobcaygeon correspondent of the Lindsay "Post" writes as follows: "The Verulam Agricultural Society held its monthly meeting in the council chamber on the 18th inst., and it was agreed by all present that it would be an excellent thing for the boys who are sons of the members of the society to begin to grow selected grain. It was agreed that at our seed fair, which is to be held in March, 1908, two or three prizes should be offered on the different kinds of grain, which are to be grown on clean seed plots two rods long and one rod wide. The seed grown is to be selected, hand picked. The following kinds of grain were suggested: fall wheat, red; fall wheat, white; Blue Stem spring wheat; Canadian Beauty peas; small white peas; white oats and black oats; six-rowed barley and Manchuria barley. The amount required at the seed fair next March is a peck of each grain properly named. If any person selects his seed for these plots for three consecutive years, he can have it registered as hand-selected, registered seed. All present thought it would be a good idea for the farmers to do the work as far as possible and let the boys exhibit it at the fair and get the prize money they shall win, as it would be a good training for the farmers' boys."

Hymeneal.

TWOMEY—GRISE.

The Catholic church, Midland, was the scene of a happy event on April 17th, when an interesting wedding took place. The contracting parties were Miss Alice Grise, daughter of Mr. D. Grise, of this town, and Mr. Dennis Twomey, of Camrose, Alberta. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Father Barcelo, in the presence of a large number who gathered to witness the ceremony. The bride was charmingly dressed, and was attended by Miss Alice Allard, while Mr. Geo. Grise supported the groom. Miss Rose May Kelman acted as maid of honor. At the conclusion of the ceremony an adjournment was made to the residence of the bride's parents, King-st., where a reception was held, and in the afternoon the couple took their departure for a trip through eastern and western Ontario, after which they will proceed to their future home in Alberta.

The bride is one of our best known young ladies, and combines many graces of mind and person. She is capable of filling the home she will adorn with happiness, and will prove to be truly a helpmate and companion to the husband she has chosen to honor with her hand. The groom, although not so well known among us, is a successful business man of western Canada, where he went some years ago from Fenelon Falls, Ont. The

congratulations on the event are numerous, and this paper is greatly pleased to add its hearty good wishes to those being so freely extended.—Midland Argus.

To Light Sturgeon Point.

At a meeting held on Monday evening in Secretary G. H. Hopkins's office, the members of Sturgeon Point council were unanimously in favor of granting a franchise to the Davis Acetylene Co., Ltd., of Ontario, providing the representations made on the company's behalf are borne out. Mr. Wadsworth, the company's agent, explained to Reeve John D. Flavell and Messrs. Brown, Miller and Anderson, the councillors present, that his firm made a specialty of plants for summer resorts, parks, large hotels, etc., and would like to secure a franchise and instal a plant at Sturgeon Point for the supply of illuminating and heating gas. They would canvass the cottagers for contracts for the season, and would supply gas for lighting and cooking at \$2 per 1,000 feet—equal to coal gas at \$1.35 per 1,000 feet. His company would supply ten street lights of 50 candle power for \$75 for the season, operated on a moonlight schedule, except when otherwise ordered by the council. He had visited the village last year, and found it admirably adapted for giving a first-class service. The new lighting plant is expected to be ready for business by the 1st of June.—Post.

Powles' Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette)

Another change in real estate. Mr. John W. Gillis has purchased from Mr. E. Worsley the farm formerly owned by Mr. Robert Cooper, and Mr. P. Moffat has purchased Mr. Gillis's farm. Mr. Gillis and Mr. Moffat will take possession in March, 1908.

The month of April is so far advanced that nearly every farmer has made a commencement towards seeding. The weather, so far, has been very cold and backward; and some showers of warm rain, to take the frost out of the ground, are much needed.

Mr. John Knox is on the sick list, and Dr. Graham, of Fenelon Falls, is in attendance upon him.

Mr. James Powles lost the best cow in his stable a short time ago. The best generally goes first.

The first beef used this season by the beef ring will be killed and dressed about the 8th of May, and will be continued during the whole season once a week until the 1st of November.

The post-master received a consignment of stationery from Toronto this week.

Personals.

Dr. Gould is on a business trip to Toronto this week.

Mr. G. H. McGee left on Wednesday evening for Toronto on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heard left on Tuesday morning for a trip to Toronto.

Mr. Ed. Avery, of Lakeside, visited his brother and sister at the Falls last week.

Mr. F. J. Goodman, of Rosedale, passed through the Falls on Tuesday morning on his way to Toronto.

Mr. Thos. H. Roberts was in Lindsay on Tuesday, attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Martha Graham.

Mr. D. J. McLean, the new teller-accountant in the Bank of Montreal, arrived at the Falls on Tuesday.

The Rev. W. H. A. French is in Lindsay this week attending a meeting of the Rural Denary of the counties of Durham and Victoria.

Mr. A. J. Campbell, of Lindsay, was at the Falls on Monday, and drove over to Sturgeon Point, where he has a summer cottage in course of construction.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. A. French was at the Falls on Friday and Saturday last, and, with her daughters, will remove here as soon as the repairs at present in progress on the Rectory are finished.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Twomey came to the Falls on Friday last, and left on Tuesday evening for Midland, where they will spend ten days before starting for their future home at Camrose, Alta.

Mr. E. A. Pearce left on Wednesday morning for Peterborough, where he has secured a good position with the Ontario Power Co. Mr. Greenwood, of Toronto, is his successor in the power station here.

Mrs. McArthur, of Eldon township, came to the Falls on Tuesday and will remain here for the present, as she is in very poor health. Two of her daughters, Mrs. Kennedy, of Chicago, and Miss Elle, are with her.

Mr. G. L. Main left on Wednesday morning for Montreal, to assume his new duties in the Bank of Montreal in that city. Mr. Main will be greatly missed in sporting circles and by the choir of St. James' church, of which he was a valued member.

OPTICAL.—R. R. Milne, D. O., eyesight specialist, of Lindsay, has, owing to failing health, disposed of his practise to Dr. M. B. Annis. See advertisement on first page.

THE LAKES ARE OPEN.—The cold weather since the first of the month caused the ice to remain in the lakes an unusually long time after it would otherwise have broken up, but it is practically all gone to-day (Thursday). The opening this year is just six days later than last year and the year before, five days earlier than in 1904 and twenty-five days later than in 1903, when the lakes were clear on April 1st.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday evening Mr. Wm. Sproats' youngest son, Thomas, about six years old, had the ends taken off the first and second fingers of his right hand by a straw cutter which he and another small boy were playing with in Mr. Thos. Cashore's yard. Mr. Cashore had wired the machine to prevent

youngsters turning it, but the wire had been removed either by the boys or by a man who had been examining it with a view to purchasing. Dr. Wilson was called, and dressed the hand after administering a little chloroform.

CURLERS' MEETING.—The curlers held their spring meeting on Monday evening, and there was a good attendance. The past season's business and pleasure were discussed, and general satisfaction was expressed at the good showing the club made in its foreign games, especially those in the competition for the McDiarmid-McFadden cup, the donors of which were tendered a hearty vote of thanks for their generosity. The skips explained "how we won the cup," and expressed confidence in the ability of the players to do the trick again.

NEARLY A TIE-UP.—Messrs. Moore, Connell & Wiggins came near having no logs to cut at their mill at the Falls this season. Owing to the shortage in the snow crop, the spring flood was not sufficient to carry their drive from the limits on Union Creek to Burnt River, and the whole outfit became stranded about two miles from the mouth of the creek. A heavy rain was hoped for, but failed to arrive, and things looked blue. The only thing left to do was to back the water up above the logs with a dam and then cut it loose, trusting to the rush of water to carry the logs through to the river. If this failed, the logs would have to stay where they were for a year. But it didn't fail—it succeeded; the drive is now on its way down Burnt River, and the old mill will hum as usual this summer.

NARROW ESCAPE.—The Lindsay Evening Post of Monday says: "With his canoe caught on a stump and upset, and his feet fast under the seat, Fishery Inspector Bradshaw was in a perilous plight last evening. He was accompanied by Inspector Watson, of Casereau, and was coming up the river near Green Bay when their canoe ran on a stump and turned over. Basil Newton, of McLennan & Co.'s hardware staff, was not far distant and saw the occurrence. He immediately went to their assistance and pulled Mr. Bradshaw out of the water, but Mr. Bradshaw was stuck fast and could not be removed. Frank Bushnell, J. Dickson, A. Touchburn and others on shore were notified, and succeeded in rescuing the now nearly exhausted man. The two drenched and dripping men were hurried to a near-by muskrat hunter's camp, where they remained all night."

District Notes.

On May 6th the village of Norwood will vote on a by-law to borrow \$7,000 to be spent in laying granolithic sidewalks, and \$3,000 for town hall improvements.

It is likely that the formal opening of the new lift-lock at Kirkfield, on the Trent Valley Canal, will take place on Friday, May 24th. This is the intention at present. Several Cabinet ministers and members of the House of Commons will be invited to take part in the ceremony, and it is expected that there will be a large number of visitors from adjoining points.—Peterborough Review.

On Tuesday, while a load of waste was being dumped into the gully near Mr. John Carow's box factory, the teamster backed the horse and cart too far, and the horse turned a backward somersault over the cart, landing in four or five feet of water. Both were got out with the aid of a team. The horse was practically unharmed, although he was laid off a day or two.—Watchman-Warder.

Arrangements are being made to make a test of the hydraulic lift-lock at Kirkfield within the next few days. The lock was completed last fall, but too late in the season to test it. Now, as the water is free from ice again, a test will be made within a few days.—Peterborough Examiner.

The annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Conference for 1907 will be held in the Methodist church, Bowmanville. The Special Ministerial Session will commence on Wednesday, June 5th, at 10 a. m., and the General Session on Thursday, June 6th, at 10 a. m. The Conference prayer meeting will be held from 9 to 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. The Stationing Committee will assemble in the Epworth League parlor on Monday, June 3rd, at 7.30 p. m. The Committee on Statistics will meet in the Young Men's room at 7.30 on Monday evening, June 3rd; Rev. W. P. Rogers, B. A., Conference Statistician, convenor.

About 7.30 on Saturday night a fire broke out in the supper hall of the Victoria hotel, Victoria Road, which caused quite an excitement throughout the village. The fire was first noticed by a small boy who was passing the stairway, and he tapped in an alarm. With water and blankets the crowd worked skillfully until the flames were extinguished. The fire having made such headway, much damage was done, and Mr. Nancy, the proprietor, escaped, badly burned about the face and arms. The cause of the fire is unknown.—Post Corr.

BIRTHS.

JUSKIN.—At Fenelon Falls, on Thursday, April 18th, 1907, the wife of Mr. R. C. Juskin of a daughter.

GOODHAND.—In the township of Somerville, on Friday, April 19th, 1907, the wife of Mr. John Goodhand of a daughter.

HILL.—In the township of Fenelon, on Friday, April 19th, 1907, the wife of Mr. Joseph Hill of a daughter.

CUNDAY.—In the township of Fenelon, on Sunday, April 21st, 1907, the wife of Mr. John Cunday of a daughter.

RUTHERFORD.—At Fenelon Falls, on Monday, April 22nd, 1907, the wife of Mr. Francis Rutherford of a son. The baby lived only three days.

RETTIE.—In the township of Somerville, on Tuesday, April 23rd, 1907, the wife of Mr. James Rettie of a son.