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### The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

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#### From a Working Class Standpoint.

On the navy question, which will be shortly up for consideration in the House of Commons at Ottawa, there appears to be a pretty general agreement among members on both sides of the House, and something in the shape of a definite move toward the establishment of a Canadian navy is looked for at this session. That the legislators at Ottawa are pretty much of one mind, however, is no indication at all that they are right. They were unanimous, for instance, about the raising of their own salaries a few years ago.

The question of commencing the construction of a Canadian navy or of making a cash contribution to the British navy fund, has not received the consideration the importance of the matter deserves. The people should be consulted before any definite action is taken. The people are not by any means all of one opinion on the subject, and many letters setting forth various views have been published. The letter of Mr. Phillips Thompson, printed below, is an example:

"Shall Canada have a navy? This is essentially a class question and the answer entirely depends upon the point of view. War and war-like preparations are clearly in the interest of the capitalist class for several reasons. Wars extend the area of industrial exploitation; naval and military forces in time of peace are at the bidding of the corporations to hold the workers in subjection; international difficulties and war scares distract attention from domestic reforms—and last, but not least, a naval construction offers immense opportunities for graft. It is not surprising, therefore, that the capitalist class is enthusiastically in favor of a navy.

Now look at it from the standpoint of the working people. They do the fighting and suffer nearly all the incidental hardships of a state of war. They have absolutely nothing to gain by victory and nothing to lose by defeat. The condition of the masses of the people would not be substantially altered for the worse, even in the remote and improbable event of Canada being forcibly annexed to the United States. Hundreds of thousands of our population cross the line from time to time in search of employment, and the change in the flag overhead doesn't trouble them a little bit. Why then should they fight or support naval or military preparations solely in the interests of their masters, especially when they realize that these forces are a hundred times more likely to be used against themselves than against a foreign enemy.

These views of course are not popular now, the people having been so be-deviled and misled by the capitalist press, the politicians, and the preachers as to be willing and eager to supply the means to perpetuate their own servitude. But they will be as soon as the workers become class-conscious, as many of the trades' union leaders are already."

#### Property Supreme.

"It may seem late in the world's history to speak a word in praise of slavery, but even that hideous institution had one good feature that has been lost sight of in the march of liberty and progress. Under slavery human beings were property, and if slavery had continued it is undoubted that many of the problems that still await solution would have been solved long ago. Because hogs, sheep, horses, and cows are property, the care of their health has become the subject of much excellent legislation. Destructive diseases are stamped out promptly, sanitary conditions of living are made compulsory, and the condition of animals is rapidly becoming all it should be. If human beings were still enslaved they would have profited equally with animals in the advance of science. Meetings of slave owners would now be considering papers on such questions as "The Prevention of Croup in Children," and "The Best Treatment for Stone Bruises," because such scourges as tuberculosis would have been stamped out on account of their destructiveness to property."

Property is supreme; human life is of secondary importance, or of no importance at all. Rather a humiliating confession for "Canada's national newspaper" to make in this age of alleged enlightenment. But it is true. A slave cost money, and if he became sick or died his owner's pocket suffered. Nowadays a wage-slave gets occasionally a little more than enough to keep him; but he has his own doctor's bills to pay, and when he dies it costs nothing to get another in his place. If negro slavery was a hideous institution, what word will describe an institution that allows thousands of human beings to die of preventable diseases?

#### Crop Reports.

The Census Office gave out on November 12th a statement on the root, seed and fodder crops of Canada for the month of October, together with their values as reported by the regular correspondents.

The yield of potatoes is 99,697,000 bushels, which is 22,697,000 bushels more than last year. Turnips are reported at 107,724,000 bushels, being 5,476,000 bushels more than last year. The hay and clover crop is 427,000 tons more than last year, its total yield being 11,877,000 tons. Fodder corn shows a decrease of 149,000 tons, the crop being 2,780,000 tons.

The average condition of potatoes over Canada is 93.98 per cent., of turnips and other roots 91.64 per cent., of hay and clover 88.68 per cent., and of fodder corn 90.68 per cent.

The total value of the four crops is \$502,473,700 as against \$186,595,000 last year. Prince Edward Island is credited with \$5,748,500, or 2.83 per cent. of the total; Nova Scotia with \$18,791,300, or 9.25 per cent.; New Brunswick with \$13,497,900, or 6.61 per cent.; Quebec with \$59,952,000, or 29.69 per cent.; Manitoba with \$97,475,000, or 48.15 per cent.; Saskatchewan with \$1,806,500 or 0.93 per cent.; and Alberta with \$2,276,000 or 1.12 per cent. The value of hay and clover alone is \$132,287,000, being \$10,403,000 more than last year.

The potato rot has done much harm in the Maritime provinces as a consequence of the heavy fall rains; but in Quebec and Ontario the yield and quality rank high. Good reports are also made for the Northwest provinces, but considerable damage has been done there in places by early frost in September.

In British Columbia all the crops are reported as excellent in quality and yield, but no areas have been procured for that province.

The full report on the root and fodder crops will be printed in the Census and Statistics Monthly.

#### Personals.

Miss Ruby Goodman of Rosedale was a visitor to the Falls on Wednesday.

Mr. Henry Rustad, manager of the Swenson Stump Puller Co. of Lindsay, was at the Falls on Saturday on business.

Dr. Gould is in Lindsay this week attending County Council.

Mr. Jos. Lexchin was at Peterborough on Friday on business.

Mr. Arthur Lord, of Marmora, was home for a few days last week.

Mrs. S. Corbett left on Saturday for a two weeks visit to friends in Peterboro, Millbrook and Omemeo.

ANNUAL BAZAAR.—The annual bazaar of St. James' Church Parish Workers will be held on Friday, Dec. 17th. Watch for further particulars.

DATES FOR DELIVERING FOWLS.—Dates for delivering live fowls this year will be Nov. 19th, 22nd, 25th, and 26th, at J. L. Arnold's. Chickens and old hens will be received any day except Saturday until Dec. 15. Highest prices paid for all live poultry.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Next Sunday, the pastor will be absent conducting anniversary services on the Blackstock Circuit, and the pulpit here will be supplied by Rev. J. U. Robins in the morning and Rev. W. Woodger in the evening.

ANNUAL THANKOFFERING.—A thank-offering service under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church will be held in the lecture room on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24th at 8 o'clock. A programme of unusual interest is being prepared. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

TELEPHONE POLES DOWN.—The wind and the weight of ice on the telephone wires on Tuesday caused three or four poles between the Falls and Lindsay to fall down. Mr. Geo. Johnston, who has been in town for a week or so fixing up phones, went out on Wednesday and made repairs where needed.

CHANGE OF DATE.—The Junior Missionary Guild of St. Andrew's Church purpose holding an open meeting and entertainment in the lecture room of the church on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 30th, at 8 p. m. A silver collection will be taken at the door. All are cordially invited.

ORGAN RECITAL.—Remember the organ recital to be held in the Methodist church, Friday November 26th. Dr. Doward with his two famous boysingers will be present, and will show the merits and possibilities of the New Estey Organ, said to be the finest reed organ in the world. This will be a rare musical treat, and all are cordially invited to come.

COURT OF REVISION.—His Honor Judge McMillan presided at the Court of Revision on Wednesday held for the purpose of revising the Voters' List, the chief interest in which was on account of the coming local option contest. The result was the proposed new names of which there were only a few, were allowed to go on the list, the local optionists and opponents of the by-law agreeing to a "saw off."

DEER HUNTERS HOME.—All the deer hunters who have been back north since the opening of the season have reached home again. Some of them succeeded in getting two deer and some one. Deer are generally reported as being plentiful. The expedition conducted by Ed. Beteau and Geo. Calder developed into a dog hunt on Saturday, when the party were leaving for home. One of the hounds they had with them was such a good looking animal that it got lost twice on the way out. On the first occasion it was located without much difficulty tied up in a settler's camp; and the second time it was found in another

settler's barn. In this instance considerable strategy and a search warrant had to be used, but the hound was finally secured and is home with the rest of the outfit.

MONTHLY AUCTION SALE.—Several good horses and colts, and cattle, furniture and other articles, will be sold at the Aldous Repository on Saturday, November 27th. A first-class gasoline engine will also be sold. Sale at one o'clock. See bills for full list. Thos. Cashore, Auctioneer.

W. I.—On account of the annual meeting of the Women's Institute, which will be held December 3rd, the regular monthly meeting for November will be cancelled. Any business arising will be transacted at the annual meeting, which will be held in the Orange Hall, and of which further notice will be given.

#### Buy's Green.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

The hunters from here who have been enjoying their usual sport in the neighborhood of Minden, brought home their number of deer.

The farmers around here have all their roots in, and the fall ploughing is nearly completed.

Mr. George Armstrong has exchanged his engine with Sawyer & Massey, of Hamilton, for a new one of 20 horse power, which he will use for cutting lumber and shingles during the winter, after finishing a successful season's threshing.

Mrs. Jas. Southam is visiting friends in Ojys and vicinity.

Mrs. D. Grant, of Woodville, visited friends here for a week.

The Steel Range men did a good business in this neighborhood, and succeeded in selling to some of the shrewd farmers at twenty dollars more than they could have purchased one equally as good from the local dealers.

#### Coboconk.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

Miss Callan, of Innerkip, is visiting her brother, Mr. R. A. Callan.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Jackson is able to be up again, after being confined to his bed for about three weeks.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Ham is still quite ill, but we hope for his speedy recovery.

Last Thursday evening the Oddfellows of Coboconk celebrated their twentieth anniversary in the form of a banquet. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLaughlin, Dr. Bingham, and Mr. Robt. Fleming, grand secretary, of Toronto. Past Grand Master W. T. Junkin of Fenelon Falls, was also present and gave an interesting address.

The programme consisted of music, recitations and speeches. Miss Callan, sister of Mr. R. A. Callan, played an instrumental solo which was enjoyed very much by all present.

Three gentlemen passed through Coboconk to-day on their return home to Fenelon Falls from their hunting expedition, carrying with them three fine deer.

Some little excitement was caused Monday afternoon by the back of Mr. Fielding's drug store catching fire while some Xmas goods were being unpacked.

The fire was caused by some excelsior, which was used in packing, being too close to the stove. The fire was extinguished by Mr. Fielding before any damage was done.

Mr. Junkin, of Fenelon Falls, was in town on Monday on business for Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Will Murray, who cut his leg some time ago in the saw mill here, is still in the Ross Hospital. He is recovering, but very slowly.

Mr. Ernest Lake of Coboconk is visiting friends in Fenelon.

The Coboconk Creamery closed on Saturday, Nov. 14th, and all that can be heard in town is pigs squealing for buttermilk.

The Gull River Lumber Co. closed their saw mill on Wednesday, November 17th, for the season.

The young people of Coboconk are anticipating skating in the near future.

Mrs. McLaughlin and Master Wellwood of Toronto are visiting relatives in town.

#### BURNT RIVER FOWL SUPPER.

A fowl supper will be given by the ladies of St. Luke's Church, Burnt River, on Friday evening, November 26, 1909. A number of prominent speakers will give addresses after the supper. A good programme will be rendered. Supper commences at 5.30. Tickets 25c., children 15c.

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