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Friday, May 10, 1912.

Taft Not Infallible.

Why should President Taft's opinion that reciprocity would have made Canada " an adjunct of the United States ' be taken as conclusive of the whole matter? The Tory papers that are parading the President's utterance as an unanswerable clincher do not seem to have a symptom of a shadow of a doubt that he can be anything but absolutely truthful and sincere in his remarks on this subject. Such a suggestion would shock them. Yet they repeatedly de-scribe his reciprocity offer as "a trap" to catch unwary Canadians, and do not appear to perceive any inconsistency in their position.

The Conservative papers are equally unconcerned as to the possibility of Taft's judgment being at fault in his estimate of the effect of reciprocity, supposing his sincerity to be taken for granted. Another shock would be the result of suggesting to them that the President might be mistaken. Yet the World describes the Americans as "the blindest people politically in the world

The attitude of the Conservative press with regard to President Taft and his opinion is as unreasoning and contradictory and illogical as their whole anti-reciprocity campaign. An explanation of how it is that the immense commercial traffic going on every day between Canada and the United States has not resulted in any "adjunct" developments would be more to the point than the unsupported assertion of the President or anybody else that an extension of that traffic would make this country an adjunct of the States.

Co-Operative Potato Growing.

Canadian Farm.

They have adopted a plan in Wisconsin in potato growing that might be followed in Ontario to advantage. Through the effect of the experiment station of that state farmers in a district are organized and agree to grow only the one variety of potatoes, a variety being selected suitable to local conditions. This has the advantage of making the potato product of that district uniform, and a better marketable article. The great advantage of such a plan can be readily understood. If ten farmers growing three acres of potatoes each plant only one variety, a supply is secured in the locality that is uniform in quality, that will attract buyers and can be marketed to better advantage if shipped out. If, on the other hand these ten farmers each grow a different variety the supply in the district would be mixed, there would be lack of uniformity, which would lessen the value of the whole output. And that is exactly day. what happens in Ontario. There is no co-operation in potato growing among farmers. Each farmer in a district has his own little patch, which he plants to a variety he selects for himself. The consequence is that while there are a great many potatoes grown in the province, too many varieties are produced in a locality, and it is practically impossible to get a car load of one variety or of uniform quality. If Ontario farmers, one grow that kind, they would be able some fun. to market their output to better advantage and at a higher price.

Extend Lindsay-Minden Railway.

Huntsville Forester.

A railway proposition is before the Huntsville Board of Trade. It is a scheme to connect a projected line from Lindsay to Minden with the Georgian Bay, touching Huntsville and Dorset. A charter is now in force for a line starting at Lindsay and continuing northward, through a well settled section west of Balsam lake, crossing the G. T.R. at Kirkfield, and through the Gull river valley to Minden. This distance is approximately 55 miles. The proposal is either to extend this charter covering the route from Minden to Dorset, and thence westward through Huntsville, and continuing to the head of Lake Joseph and probably connecting with a point on Georgian Bay. This extenson is approximately 100 miles. Whether this extension will be undertaken under a continuance of the existing charter, or a new charter applied for, is not yet a

settled matter. The railway would, if constructed as at present proposed, connect at Lindsay with practically all the competing lines of railway, for it may become an important through counection between Georgian Bay and the seaboard. The route through which it would pass is rich in an abundance of timber and minerals, and traverses one of the greatest tourist regions of Canada, a region much of which stands undeveloped to-day bebroken stretches of water communica- is requested.

tion. A special committee of the Huntsville Board of Trade has been in commutnication with Minden over the matter, and reported substantial progress at the Board council meeting last week. They were instructed to proceed with the preliminary work. One of the first practical and definite steps will be to apply for a charter, under a preliminary survey which will probably be undertaken at no distant date.

Shockingly Sudden Death.

Bobcaygeon Independent.

The village was shocked on Tuesday to hear of the death of Mr. James H. Thompson of the Rockland House.

Until nine o'clock in the morning he was apparently in his usual health, and was working around. He was preparing for some out door work, and had harnessed the horse, when he was reminded that a plank was required near the kitchen. He carried the plank and had just placed it in position, when he complained of a terrible pain and sat down.

The pain increased and the chest and body seemed to be under the most violent compression, medical assistance was called and Mr. Thompson was carried to his bed suffering an agony of pain. An injection of morphine relieved him, and he slept until shortly before one. In re-ply to a question he said he was easier but a few minutes later he was observed to flinch and with a few short gasps for breath he was dead.

Mr. Thompson displayed great enter-prise in building the new Rockland Hotel and fitting it with a hot water heating system, bath room, electric light, and supplying everycomfort. He was looking forward hopefully to the business of this season recouping him to some extent on his heavy outlay.

He was at one time in Coboconk, and for about fifteen years kept hotel at Minden, where the whole district were his friends.

The funeral was largely attended on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Smith officiated, and the brethren of the Orange Order had charge of the ceremonies. Friends came from Haliburton, Minden, Lindsay Peterborough and Toronto.

Mr. Thompson leaves a wife and one daughter, to whom is given the sympathy of all their friends, in their terribly sudden affliction.

"Temple of Fame."

Friday, May 17th, has been decided on as the date for the "Temple of Fame" entertainment in course of preparation. by the Parish Workers of St. James' Church. Upwards of forty characters, representing famous men and women of all times, including Bible characters, ancient Greeks, European queens, discoverers, noted singers, poets, etc., will est man. be presented. The play is instructive and educational as well as entertaining. Admission 25c. Reserved seats 35c. Plan of hall at Vicars' drug store. Doors open 7.30, commence at 8. Be sure to

Personal

Miss Sabina Martin is visiting friends at Buffalo and Toronto.

Dr. M. T. McEachren of Montreal spent the week end in town.

Mrs. A. J. Goald spent a couple of weeks with Lindsay relatives.

Mr. Ed. Avery of Peterborough spent

a few days at the Falls. Messrs. H. J. Lytle and Peter Mitchell of Lindsay were at the Falls on Wednes-

Fun in Penetang.

Penetang Herald :- Some low sneak wrenched the lock off Mrs. Fraser's hen house on Monday night, to carry off all those good hens that lay so good, and after all their trouble found nothing but a cross old setting hen, that would not even do to eat. Mrs. Fraser feels quite and in fact farmers in any other part of sure she knows who did it, as circum-Canada, who grow potatoes for sale stantial evidence is very strong against would co-operate, select some one var- | that person, so let him beware in future. iety suitable to the district, and each | She is setting a trap that will cause

Spring Poetry.

It is indeed a blessed thing, that lots of words will rhyme with Spring: there's wing and king and sing and bring and fifty-seven more, by jing. And when we've written "sunlit leas," we have our choice of trees and bees and breeze and sneeze and fleas and cheese, and sundry other words like these. And when we speak of "azure skies," we have a stock of flies and pies and stys and sighs and maiden's eyes-oh watch the sweet afflatus rise. There are so many words that rhyme the poet has an easy time; there's clime and thyme and crime and prime, and now and then perhaps a dime! Of course we ring in babbling streams, which brings us round to twilight dreams, and then, as inspiration streams, we reach for themes and seems and beams. We must refer to sighing woods if we'd deliver all the goods; and this leads up to noble pines, suggesting vines and twines and shines. Oh thunder! Any healthy bard could loaf around in his backyard, and write spring poems by the mile along the old accustomed style. The same old verdant woodland nooks, the same old babbling bubbling brooks! The same old birds on joyous wing, the same old harp, the same old string. - Walt Mason.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The next regular meeting of the day afternoon, May 17th, at the home of street east, and am prepared to do Mrs. S. Sharpe, when the election of business as formerly. Your patronage cause of its inaccessibility, except by officers will be held. A full attendance | solicited.

ST. ANDREW'S CHUR

Rev. W. G. Smith of Bobcaygeon will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church morning and evening, and will be at Bury's Green in the afternoon.

WON THE PHOTO.

The enlarged photo of the teachers and pupils of fifteen years ago, exhibited in Mr. J. H. Stanton's window, was won by Mr. C. Deyman, who correctly named 246 of the 300 figures in the picture. Mr. F. W. Warren came second with 222.

NEW ACCOUNT REGISTER.

Wm. Burgoyne & Son have installed in their store a new Barr account register. This is the latest machine for keeping track of accounts, and saves much valuable time, as well as ensuring greater accuracy, one of its good features being that any account can be made up at short notice when required.

Powles' Corners.

Correspondence of the Gazette

Mr. Jas. Cook and Mr. Isaac Perrin of Cameron are busy framing the timber for Mr. Jas, Slater's barn. The barn raising will take place about the 24th. A few from here attended the funeral

of Mr. Thos. Shea last Tuesday. The farmers are busy just at present. Considerable amount of land is already seeded. Every available piece of land should be cultivated. The winters are

long and it takes a lot of feed. Plant lots of corn. There is a sort of standing joke in the western country that when you ask any one from Ontario what county he is from he almost invariably says "From Bruce." A Chinaman, thinking there must be something catchy about the name, when he started in business in one

follows: John Sing, me from Bruce. Seed potatoes are very scarce and dear and hard to get.

of the new towns hung out his sign as

Mr. Jabez Thurston, a pioneer settler of Verulam, died recently at his home in Oregon, at the age of 92.

The electric lights at Midland went out while two doctors were performing an operation for appendicitis. One doctor had hold of the appendix and the other the knife when the lights went out, and for ten minutes the two surgeons stood in black darkness and terrible suspense, unable to move, awaiting the restoration of the lights. The patient's life was in their hands, and owing to the ether in use a lamp was out of the question, so there was nothing to do but wait. It must have been a trying ordeal, enough to shake the nerves of the strong-

BORN:

HUGHES. -At Burnt River, on Tuesday, April 23rd, 1912, the wife of Mr. A. Hughes, a daughter.

COPP.—In the township of Fenelon, on Wednesday, May 7th, 1912, the wife of Mr. Geo. Copp, a daughter.

MARRIED.

GANDIER, -BARRON .-- On April 24th, at St. James Church, Stratford, by the Rev. W. T. Cluff, rector, Mary Alice Augusta, daughter of his Honor Judge Barron, to Stace Harvey Gandier, son of the Rev.T. Gandier, of Peelee Island, Ontario.

DIED.

SHEA .- In Cambray, on Sunday, May 5th, 1912, Thomas Shea, aged 76 years, 4 months and 21 days.

TOWNSHIP OF FENELON COURT OF REVISION

Notice is hereby given that a Court for the Revision of the Assessment Roll of the Township of Fenelon for 1912: will held at the

VILLAGE OF CAMERON

Tuesday, 28th Day of May,

at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. All parties having business at the Court will govern themselves accordingly. The Roll is at my office for inspection.

JOHN B. POWLES, Clerk of the Court.

Township of Somerville COURT OF REVISION.

Notice is hereby given that a Court for the Revision of the Assessment Roll of the Township of Somerville will be held at BURNT RIVER on

MONDAY, MAY 27th,

at ten o'clock in the forenoon. All parties interested will govern themselves accordingly. The Assessment Roll is open for inspection at my office.

SAM. SUDDABY, Clerk.

BLACKSMITHING.

This is to give notice that I have Women's Institute will be held on Fri- resumed work at my old stand on Francis

CHAS. KELLY.