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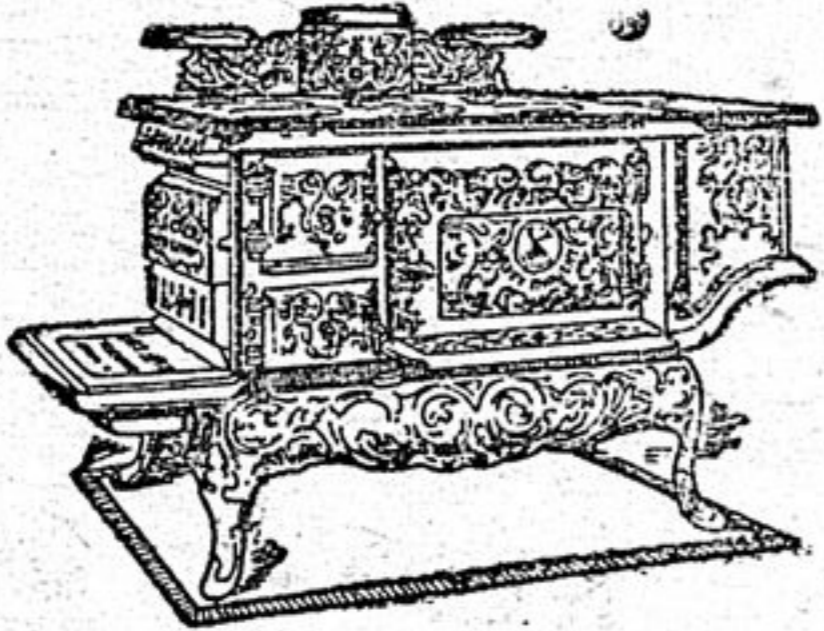
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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1912.

Why Wait For Uncle Sam ?

From The Toronto World.

Precisely similar conditions exist in Canada to those which compelled in the United States the establishment of a cheap parcel post system. The agitation in that country in that direction is of comparatively recent date; but the utterly unfair methods the express companies exposed during the investigation instituted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission rapidly drew it to a head. Now the companies will have not only a drastic reduction in their rates, but a government parcel post system on the zone system, which will encourage direct dealings between producers and consumers, and thus tend to reduce the cost of living that is so much the subject of complaint.

The Dominion Government, the people of Canada are now informed, will follow with keen interest the operations of the parcel post in the United States, with a view to the expansion and extension of the system in Canada. The postmaster-general, who made that announcement on Monday, evidently expects it to be taken as an indication of the progressive character of his policy. But why, it may well be asked, should Canada wait on Uncle Sam in this connection? Justification for the establishment of a parcel post service in the United States was sought and found in the experience of Britain, Germany and other European countries. What United States investigators learned, is quite well known in Canada.

Opposition to a parcel post in the Dominion comes from the same source that offered it in the republic—the express companies. They do not want their monopoly disturbed—a monopoly, too, controlled by the railway companies that make their own rates with their subsidiaries. Canada to-day is carrying parcels from and to European countries in the postal union at rates far below what the express companies are charging within the Dominion itself. Britain, Germany and other European nations have found the parcel post of inestimable benefit as a medium of cheap distribution. The Dominion inherits British traditions—why not follow them? Why wait for Uncle Sam?

Canada already has the nucleus of a parcel post system which only needs extension and expansion to meet the reasonable demands of the people, and the task of the government is therefore so greatly simplified that no reason can be presented why the needed order should not be forthwith issued. We do not need to wait for Uncle Sam.

The Local Option Fight in Peterborough.

From The Montreal Witness.

A good deal of interest naturally centres round Peterborough, the only city upon the list, which at present holds twenty-four licenses. Three years ago a Local Option fight took place in Peterborough. This resulted in a majority of five hundred and ten for the by-law. This was about two hundred votes short of the majority required by the three-fifths handicap. The city Council, however, was induced to cut off about six licenses. This year the temperance people are entering the contest with unabated courage. A strong citizens' committee has been formed to conduct the campaign, and it is believed that better organization is operating than upon the last occasion. A number of the people who opposed Local Option three years ago have declared their intention of supporting the by-law this year. That temperance sentiment in Ontario is making rapid and solid gains is shown by both the actions and words of public men. Upon the one hand we have the anti-treating propositions of the Government, and Sir James Whitney's statement to the recent temperance convention; "I will be glad on any other occasion to help along even a little the cause you have at heart. The public man who is unwilling to do all in his power to suppress the evils of the liquor traffic is unworthy of any British community." Upon the other we have Mr. Rowell, his "Banish the Bar" policy and his declaration of war: "The rising tide of public sentiment has reached the conclusion that the open bar in this province is a public nuisance,

a social menace, prejudicial alike to the home, to the Church and to the state, and that this being so the time has come when the bar should be abolished."

Address and Presentation.

On Monday afternoon Mr. Stewart Mason was presented with a handsome umbrella, with Masonic emblem, on behalf of the congregation and choir of St. Andrew's Church, prior to his departure for Weston. The presentation was made by Miss S. Martin, and Mrs. E. A. McArthur read the address, which was as follows:

Mr. Stewart Mason:—

On this the occasion of your leaving our town, church and choir, we beg to assure you of our profound regret, because of the loss the town, church and choir sustain by your going. You have been an intelligent citizen and good churchman, and especially have we prized your helpfulness and uniform courtesy in the church and choir, which you supported so loyally and loved so dearly. Now that the goodbye must be said, please accept our assurance of affection and interest in your future, and carry with you this slight token of our deep regard.

On behalf of the church and choir,
C. S. Lord,
Mrs. E. A. McArthur,
Mrs. J. S. Northey,
V. McKendry,
S. S. Martin,
J. J. Lee.

Curlers' Concert.

A real treat was enjoyed on Thursday evening last by those who attended the curlers' concert, at which a programme of very exceptional merit was given by Miss Lucy Webbing and Mr. Walter McRaye, to a well-filled house. Miss Webbing and Mr. McRaye presented two or three short comedies, full of humorous situations, and Mr. McRaye gave selections from the "Habitant" poems of Dr. Drummond in a manner very pleasing to the large audience. Able assistance was rendered by the orchestra, composed of Miss Parrish, piano; Messrs. E. Chambers, first violin; K. Virtue, second violin; W. Chambers, bass viol; H. Littleton, cornet; G. F. Vicars, trombone; and H. Hathaway, mandolin. The orchestra deserves special mention for their excellent music. A string quartette by Messrs. Guy, Hathaway, E. and W. Chambers was also much appreciated.

Personal.

Mr. A. C. Ferguson of Gravenhurst, foreman of the concrete work for Messrs. Mickle & Dymont's mill, arrived at the Falls on Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Adkins of Burnt River spent a few hours in town on Saturday, calling on friends.

Mr. T. Spratt of Lindsay spent Monday in town on business.

Mrs. Adams of Cobocok visited Mrs. Dr. Johnstone on Saturday.

Mrs. Thos. Graham returned on Friday from a visit to Toronto relatives.

Miss S. Lucy returned last week from a visit to Cobourg and Lindsay.

Miss Phyllis Nevison is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Bishop, at Midland.

Mr. Stewart Mason of the Bank of B. N. A., has been transferred to the Weston branch, and left on Monday. Mr. W. M. C. Willcock succeeds him here.

Mr. Wm. Keast is visiting relatives at Pickering.

Fenelon Council.

Council met at the call of the Reeve. All members present except Mr. Parkin. The minutes of previous meeting were approved. As per motion of the previous meeting a by-law was passed giving the firm of Mickle, Dymont & Son a fixed assessment for ten years of \$300 on land and \$1,000 on buildings; also the privilege of building a siding across the 10th Concession.

Lec.—Mark.—That the following bills be paid: Gazette, for printing Voters' Lists and forms, \$46.05; Frank Chambers, making cement tile, \$32.62; E. Dunn, balance on repairs to crusher and grader, \$4.00; Wm. Smithson, for 102 loads of gravel, \$10.20; National Cement Co., for tile to Jas. Milligan, \$7; Harry Nelson, for bonus on 24 rods fence, \$6; Neil Reid, bonus on 58 rods wire fence, \$14.50; C. Sackett, making tile and repairs to bridge, \$24; Jas. H. Endicott, bonus on 44 rods fence, \$11.25; H. Tompkins, bonus on 120 rods fence, \$30; Hewie Bros., for goods, \$1.05; M. Maybee, for use of hall for meeting, \$2; J. Suggitt, for land for road, \$10.

Council adjourned to meet at Cameron on Saturday, Dec. 14th.

Caught Biggest Bass.

Ezra King, of Belmont Lake, near Havelock, has been awarded the Toronto Star's prize rod for the best black bass caught last season. His catch was a bass 23 inches long, 7 inches in girth and weighing 6 lbs. 13 ounces.

Increase the Bounty.

The majority of the hunting parties that have returned from the woods report that deer are scarce and that a great many more than the usual number of wolves have been seen. As conditions last winter favored the wolves rather than the deer, the former are blamed for the scarcity of the latter, and an increase in the bounty is being suggested as an incentive to settlers to make greater efforts to kill the wolves.

Bobcaygeon Satisfied with Local Option.

Lindsay Post Corr.—At the regular meeting of the village council, held in the council chamber last night a petition was presented for the purpose of submitting a by-law to vote on the repeal of local option here, but there were only 59 names who were voters, on it, hence it was useless, as it required 77 to make the twenty-five per cent. of the voters, so that the council would be compelled to submit the by-law to the ratepayers. The names on the petition show that they had been all over the village, but with all they still lacked 18 names of voters to make it of any use.

The council received it and put it on file, but took no action in the matter. The anti were out in full force and when they were informed that the petition lacked the required 25 per cent. of the voters, and was worthless, no one muttered, and not a word was uttered, but like good citizens, they quietly rose and started home. This speaks well for local option, which has been in force here for nearly three years now. If Lindsay and Fenelon Falls carry local option, it will work still better here as the most of the "wet goods" come here from these two places, so the temperance people of Bobcaygeon are watching the campaigns that are being waged on behalf of local option in these two adjacent towns, with much interest.

Lumpy Rabbit.

Owen Sound Sun.—Occasionally hunters and sportsmen have, during the last two or three years, noticed on many of the hares that have been shot, small watery lumps or blisters between the skin and the flesh on the backs of the animals. Naturally it was concluded that the flesh is unfit for food purposes, and to make certain, Dr. Jamieson, of Durham, sent one of these lumps to the Provincial analyst a few days ago for an opinion. The latter replied that the lump will cause tapeworm in dogs, but if cut out, the remaining portion of the rabbit or hare is all right for human food. However, although this may be true, we would rather not have any lumpy rabbit, thank you, even if the lumps are cut out.

Women's Institute Meetings.

Attention is directed to the meeting of the Women's Institute in Dickson's hall this (Friday) afternoon at 2.30. Miss Gilholm, the lady delegate, will speak, and a good programme given. All ladies are cordially invited. At the joint meeting of the Farmers' and Women's Institutes in the evening the programme will also be first-class, and a good attendance is looked for.

St. Andrew's Church Social Evening.

The members of St. Andrew's Adult Bible Class will meet for social enjoyment next Tuesday evening. An invitation is extended to all friends in the congregation and community. A programme of music, singing, readings, etc., will be rendered. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10c.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Next Sunday evening the Rector, the Rev. W. H. A. French, will take for the subject of his sermon, "Where Did Cain Get His Wife?"

BAZAAR AND CONCERT.

The Ladies' Aid of Christ Church, Cobocok, held a very successful bazaar and concert last Friday, the sum of \$85. being added to the treasury of the society.

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The Ladies' Aid and Epworth League of the Methodist Church will have a bazaar and 15c. pork and bean supper in the basement of the church, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 11th, 1912.

BASKET SOCIAL.

The W. W. of St. Luke's Church, Burnt River, will hold a basket social on Friday evening, Dec. 6, 1912. A good entertainment will be provided. Admission 15c. Ladies with baskets free. Every lady is expected to bring a basket.

SAW A SNAKE.

For a real live snake to be seen in the latter part of the month of November is something very unusual, but Mr. Thos. Austin and Mr. A. W. Spence, who drove down to Bobcaygeon on the 20th inst. to look at some stakes that Mr. Spence had set out, were surprised to see a big black snake wriggling out of their way while they were at work. His snakeship was as lively as in the summer time. His presence at this season of year is considered an indication of a mild winter.

MARRIED.

REEDS—GOLDEN.—At the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. A. Cooke, on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 1912, Mr. Thos. J. Reeds, of the township of Ops, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. Wm. Golden, of Fenelon.

DIED.

MARTIN.—At Queen Victoria Hospital, Revelstoke, B. C., on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 1912, Henry Martin, brother of Mr. George Martin, aged 63 years.