

A BONANZA.

I have ONE HUNDRED LAMPS for sale at the modest sum of 25 cents each.

I did propose giving them away but under the circumstances it might be looked upon as an attempt to debauch the constituency so I refrain.

An applicant for one of these lamps should be possessed of a good moral character in addition of course to the necessary twenty five cents.

He must never have been a candidate for legislative honors nor a book agent, nor a member of a debating society.

No weather prophet need apply.

Nor any one contemplating poetry or arson or other statutory offence.

A minister of the crown might be permitted to purchase one of these lamps on the presentation of a certificate from one of his political opponents that he had never committed highway robbery.

This must not be considered a precedent however.

With these few exceptions ladies and gentlemen I believe I am warranted in asking you all without distinction of age, sex or previous condition of politics to come and secure a bonanza in the form of a Twenty Five Cent Lamp.

A. HIGINBOTHAM.

XMAS PRESENTS.

Just opposite the New Post Office, you will find

G.A. METHERELL'S BOOK & FANCY STORE

Where you will find a large stock of Fancy Goods and Xmas Presents. A large supply always on hand.

Teachers requiring Prize Books for scholars, can be had at a discount.

CALL IN AND INSPECT MY STOCK OF BEAUTIFUL XMAS CARDS.

Remember the place, just opposite the new Post-office.

Orders taken for all Daily Papers, Magazines, and Music.

G. A. METHERELL,

Kent Street.

The Watchman.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20th, 1888.

Doings About Town.

Left Over.
Owing to the crowded state of our columns, several articles have been held over till next issue.

Library Lamps.
Very cheap at Higinbotham's 45-4.

North Ward.
Mr. R. Tuckburne is, we understand, a candidate for councillor for the North Ward. Mr. Tuckburne would make a good councillor.

Accident.
Master Charlie Walters, son of Reeve Walters, met with a painful accident last night while skating on Saturday last, by which his shoulder was broken.

The Reeveship.
Dame Rimmer says that Mr. Britton, jr. will be a candidate for the office of Reeve. Mr. Britton is a good business man, and with all very popular. We would be very glad to see such young men in our council. The town wants them.

On Tuesday last, as a young son of Mr. Wm. Cornell, of Ops, was attending the house in the yard, he received a kick from one of them in the face. He was found lying in the yard in a state of insensibility. Dr. Herriman was immediately sent for and his injuries were attended to. We are glad to say he is recovering.

The Hungarian Band.
Toronto Globe, Dec. 14th, says—"The Hungarian Band played again last night at the Permanent Exhibition to a crowded and enthusiastic audience. No one should miss hearing this delicious Hungarian music. It has a charm peculiar to itself, and touches the heart of every listener." This famous band will give an entertainment in this town on New Year's Night under the auspices of the Citizen's Band.

An important case in the Supreme Court.
MERCHANTS' BANK VS. MCKAY.—The incompetency of the firm of Wm. Kyle & Co., formerly wholesale druggists, and the conviction of Wm. Kyle for forgery, is fresh in the mind of the public. In December 1883 the defendants William and Alexander McKay at the suit of Kyle & Co. were executed to the Merchant's Bank a land mortgage for twenty six thousand five hundred and thirteen dollars and four cents, as an additional security to the Bank the money advanced to Kyle & Co. The Bank at the same time held promissory notes and other commercial paper of the customers of Kyle & Co. for the same amount as mortgage. The Bank at the time of the mortgage was in a state of insolvency. The defendants contended that the mortgage was void, and that the Bank was not entitled to the same. The Bank contended that the mortgage was valid, and that it was entitled to the same. The case was argued before the Supreme Court on the 14th inst. The result being that the judgment of the Court of Appeal was affirmed, and the mortgage was held to be valid.

The Mission Bank deserves great credit for their indefatigable energy in the good work in which they are engaged.

The Rev. G. W. Dewey will take the evening service and conduct the after meeting in Cambridge street Methodist church on Sunday next.

Rev. M. L. Pearson, preached the Anniversary Sermons in the Cambridge Street Methodist Church on Sunday last. His many friends were glad to see his familiar face once more.

The Rev. Dr. Williams will conduct a special service at 11 a. m. on Christmas Day, in Cambridge street Methodist church. The choir will be in attendance. A collection will be taken for the charitable fund.

Special Christmas services will be held in the Baptist Church, Lindsay, on next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Anderson, pastor, will occupy the pulpit. In the evening at 7 p. m. he will preach from Luke 2:11—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." The choir will render choice music, specially prepared for the occasion.

Miss Silver will sing. "It came upon a midnight clear," by Arthur Sullivan. All are cordially invited.

The anniversary tea-meeting in Cambridge street Methodist church was a very interesting occasion. Nearly 200 people sat down to the table and enjoyed the sumptuous repast. The choir under the able leadership of Mr. Johnson, rendered a particularly admirable performance. Two cornet trios, by Mr. Johnson and his sons, and the solo by Mrs. Bates, were particularly admired. Dr. Williams occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Rev. G. W. Dewey, Anderson, Green, and M. L. Pearson. The tea-meeting was followed by an informal social on Tuesday night. Contributions from all sources during the services amounted to about \$170.

Lamps, Lamps, Lamps.
Hand, Stand, Hanging every kind cheap at Higinbotham's 45-4.

Coal Stove for Sale.
An excellent dining-room coal stove, with oven, for sale cheap. Apply at THE WATCHMAN OFFICE.

Town Council.

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Monday evening. Present, the Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-Reeve, Williams, and Councillors Crandell, Ross, Connelly, Brown, McGinley, Fisher, Ray and Dr. McAlpine.

Communications were read from Geo. Bryans asking for reduction of taxes, in consequence of loss by fire. Referred to the Court of Revision.

From W. Copeland respecting drain on west side of William. Referred to Street and Bridge committee.

Mr. Tucker was heard in reference to a certain drain. Referred to the Street and Bridge committee.

Mr. Ray presented the report of the Finance committee which was approved. The report stated that the committee did not entertain the claim of Dr. Frost.

Mr. Winters read the report of the committee on Legislation in reference to the report which was adopted. The report which was adopted favored the doing away with the exemptions.

Mr. Connelly read the report of the Street and Bridge committee and read a lengthy report on the expenditures of the year. The total spent in each ward was as follows:—East ward, \$607, South ward, 1062, North ward, \$336, Kent St. \$840. Mr. Connelly also complained that several items were charged against the Street and Bridge accounts, among which was \$25 for the mayor's expenses to Toronto, which he thought, could not be so charged.

Mr. H. Walters said he rose to the question of privilege, and then commenced an onslaught on Dr. McAlpine for certain statements made by him in reference to the water-pipe in the neighborhood of the Sylvester Works, in so far that he manoeuvred the scheme to Mr. Sylvester's advantage against the interests of the town, which he denied in toto.

Dr. McAlpine, in reply said that Reeve Walters had brought a charge against him because he was reported to have advised a patient, whom he was attending professionally, and who had been injured in consequence of a defective sidewalk that he had a good cause against the town, and then formulated the charges he privately made against the Reeve and he desired to make the following points clear:—That Mr. Sylvester offered to lay the main for \$275. That it was for his sole benefit. That he already had good protection. That the council had not complete the extension of the main until Mr. Sylvester's offer was laid before them. That the Council understood it was a six inch pipe when they pledged themselves not to expend more than \$275 for the extension. That it appears as if some one had prompted Mr. Sylvester to withdraw his offer and at the same time give Mr. Sylvester a guarantee in the form of a check for \$275 for the cost of extending the main and that it would cost a great deal more than \$275, and that he (Mr. Walters) thought it would be too bad to saddle so much on the Reeve, and that he would tell Mr. Sylvester that Mr. Sylvester appears at the committee with H. Walters and withdrew his offer. Yes, the council advertised for tenders, Mr. McGinley's tender was \$5 cents, Mr. Sylvester's tender \$1.07 and that at least one member of the council was anxious that Mr. Sylvester, would be accepted and that member was Reeve Walters.

We have neither space nor inclination to insert the discussion that followed. On the one side it was swarming "boob" and on the other "fool" and the result was that the whole matter was referred for investigation before the County Judge, just as if council would have dared to put the town to that expense. On the other it was a challenge "Come on McDuff" and after some two hours of election twaddle, on the part of several members, the matter simmered down to the council refusing to allow the charges to be referred to the Judge, and the matter was mutually withdrawn their charges, upon which the doctor disclaimed any intention of personally reflecting upon the Reeve, but claimed that his conduct in the Sylvester had been unfair to the town.

On motion of Mr. Ray, seconded by Dr. McAlpine the Finance and Assessment committee were instructed to prepare an inventory of the assets belonging to the municipality, put a proper valuation on the different assets, distribute them under proper heads and instruct the clerk and treasurer to open proper ledgers to record the same, and report to this Council at the special meeting to be held for the purpose of receiving and discussing the report in detail of the receipts and expenditures for the current year.

Mr. O'Leary was heard on behalf of Mr. John Dovey, in reference to the exemption of taxes on his mill.

On motion of Capt. Candell seconded by Mr. Fisher, the council granted an extra plank on Cambridge street, from the railway track running south to George st., also a crossing on Kent street, East, and further lent J. Grouse 25 planks to make a crossing over the river opposite the paper mill, the plank to be returned in the Spring.

On motion of Mr. Winters, the mayor vacated the chair, which Dr. McAlpine was asked to temporarily occupy. It was then moved by Mr. Winters seconded by Mr. Connelly that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Walter's for the very efficient and courteous manner in which he has presided over this Council during the year 1888, which resolution was unanimously carried by a standing vote.

The mayor, seconded, and Messrs. Ray and Fisher, each testified to the efficiency and attention of the mayor to municipal affairs of the town, and that he was entitled to the thanks of the council for the same. His worship returned thanks, and said he always endeavored to be impartial and always tried to do his best for the interests of the town.

The Blundering Council.
To the Editor of The Watchman.

Sir.—The time is drawing near when the people will have the chance to give themselves of the present blundering council. They have run the taxes so high that they have become a burden.

Mr. Editor, my astonishment know no bounds when I learned Mayor Walters had induced the Mayor to have a requisition around town for signatures, requesting him to offer again for mayor. I don't know how the Mayor can reconcile this action with the bitter gibbering he has been making to me and others of the extravagant manner the mayor and council had conducted our business this year, and more particularly the way the \$7000 was laid through the council. I look upon Mayor Walters' action in this matter, as a downright piece of imposition and adding insult to injury. He has had his three years as mayor and that ought to satisfy him. He and his council has nearly bankrupted the town and still he hasn't decency or good sense enough to retire until he is kicked out. The prospect of sticking out another year for \$4000 for his drain scheme and the attendant circumstances is the greatest secret of his wishing to retain his seat.

I don't know how any man can look upon the passing of that \$7000 through the council, but I certainly denounce it as an outrage on the tax payers, as they had already voted more than the town was in a position to pay. I am informed that the money was illegally granted, and that it can be recovered of the council. I for one am prepared to put up \$50 as my share of a fund to test the matter in law. There was \$100 voted to Dr. Burrows which I hold was illegally given, let us test the matter in law. I am willing to give a single handed, entered a suit against our council some years ago for misappropriating money and brought them to time. The means that were taken to carry that

\$7000 motion was scandalous and demoralizing in its nature and set a precedent that may work a great deal of harm in the town. I have been asked by several why I have not given the promised financial report of where the money went. It will be recollected it was stated in the Post according to the present law the council had to bring in their report by the 15th inst. I am waiting to see that report, so that I can judge how much correct it is. The mayor's excuse for running again is that he wants to vindicate himself, but he has unknowingly "let the cat out of the bag." In his requisition, where he states that the knowledge he has got on the drainage scheme will be lost to the town unless he is returned as mayor to carry it out. He seems to have a great interest in obtaining for squandering the people's money. One thing he sure he will not have much of it to pay, as his assessment on property in town was only \$800 last year a mere bagatelle for a mayor that puts on such a swagger. Many of our laboring men far exceed that amount, and it must be remembered he draws a big salary from the government for attending to certain work in the best country that would require his whole attention if properly looked after, and as no man can serve two masters, when he is in Lindsay he work that he gets his big salary for several items were neglected. I think it was in the Post I saw it stated that the mayor attended to his duties at a great sacrifice of time and money. I want to know where the sacrifice comes in. If I am informed right he gets a yearly salary and travelling expenses paid. Now, if he loses one or two days in the week to attend council and other meetings, who is at the loss of his time and money, I think it is not him but the people loses it. If he will show to the people that he does not charge the time he loses in Lindsay or his travelling expenses to bring him here then of course he is deserving of credit on that account. I have been consulted by parties on the matter and we are going to have an inquiry made in Toronto as to who pays for the mayor's salary and travelling expenses and whether it causes any neglect of duty in the best country or not, as the mayor has given us the clue why he was returned, viz: to carry out the \$4000 drainage scheme. No man can get a rich harvest for the family compact in the spending of that large amount of money. I ask is the people prepared to have their taxes increased to that amount, if you are then vote for T. Walters for mayor, and H. Walters for Reeve, if you don't want your taxes increased, and the business of your town honestly managed without hoodlum vote for Smyth for mayor and T. Fee for first deputy-reeve. I have sat at the council board in Lindsay for about seventeen years, and I can prove my being there has saved the town over \$75,000 in the management in council this year, I am positive I could have saved four or five thousand dollars, and as it is I can show that I have saved the town about \$1500 this year. I have no hesitation in believing there would have been three or four hundred dollars boodle in the matter. Those who have the welfare of the town at heart need not be much alarmed at the requisition signed requesting the mayor to run again, for one that signed it dozens that were asked refused. I have conversed with parties who signed it and I was told circumstances forced them to do so. I was also told by the party that signing a requisition was one thing and voting for the man was another. If the voters recollect I told them what would be the consequence of this year under the management of the present council, and to prevent a repetition of the same stile of hoodlum and blundering I offer myself as candidate for first deputy Reeve for 1889. I am entirely independent, my time is my own, and when I use it for the benefit of the public, I sponge on no party and I have no axes to grind, my desire for getting into the council is to keep down taxes.

THOS FEE.
The remainder of this letter will appear next week.

CAMBRAY.
Christmas is coming and with it the usual festivities. On the 24th of this month a basket social in aid of the English church will be held at the residence of M. H. Berkeley, on Dec. 24th. I am entirely independent, my time is my own, and when I use it for the benefit of the public, I sponge on no party and I have no axes to grind, my desire for getting into the council is to keep down taxes.

MAYORALTY.
To the Electors of the Town of Lindsay.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—

Having received a very largely signed Requisition, asking me to allow my name to be brought forward as a candidate for the mayoralty for the year 1889.

In compliance therewith and at the personal solicitation of many others, I now offer myself as a candidate for the office of Mayor for the year 1889, and solicit your vote and influence for re-election.

I thank you for the confidence placed in me in the past and trusting that my course in connection with Town Affairs has been such as will meet with your approval.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,
THOS. WALTERS.

REQUISITION.
Lindsay, Dec. 5th, 1888.

THOMAS WALTERS, ESQ., MAYOR.

DEAR SIR.—We the undersigned duly qualified electors in and for the Town of Lindsay feeling satisfied with the course which you have pursued during the past two years and knowing that certain subjects, as drainage &c., the matters with which you have made yourself thoroughly conversant, will be more intelligently determined by you, beg to request that you will allow yourself to be nominated for the office of Mayor for 1889 and we pledge ourselves to give you our support and influence.

Adam Hudspeth Geo. A. Milne
J. Deacon Henry Miller
Thos. McConnell A. F. Devlin
E. Benson Wm. Taylor
H. Holroyd W. Mulrany
N. A. MacMurchy D. Ray
H. B. Dean T. B. Dean
F. D. Moore John Pyno
J. S. Stewart J. H. Southworth
R. J. Matchett J. H. Mark
John Dobson Robt. Kennedy
E. Veitch Peter Bennett
J. G. Edwards H. Harvey
J. T. Petty E. H. Bell
W. H. Howe W. McNeil
Wm. Howe Geo. Luxton
Wm. Stewart Thos. O'Neill
E. W. McGaffey John Measer
Geo. W. Mills John O'Neill
Jos. Killaly Geo. W. Ross
R. Oshill Thos. Menzies
Daniel O'Keefe John Measer
Alan McDonald Ancil Mills
Patrick Penrose T. A. Middleton
M. Hargrove E. Bunting
John Gohene P. Palmer Burrows
Wm. Morrison John Brown
Alex. Ross John Rogers
Patrick Burns Thos. Higgs
S. Griffin J. W. Wallace
C. Broad G. A. Metherell
M. Carroll W. J. Gallon
John Dorey David Campbell A. Macgachan
B. Cook W. A. Goodwin
J. Makins F. J. Hurley
A. Wright John Parker
David King.

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A LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUS.

Office of Santa Claus, Dealer in Holiday Goods.

North Pole, Dec. 11, 1888.

M. J. Carter, known as the Wonderful Cheap Man, or the Ripper of high prices Lindsay, Ont. Allow me to congratulate you on your complete and beautiful stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods and novelties for the holiday trade. A careful inspection leads me to say that I have never seen so fine a better assortment. It includes everything the heart could desire for a present, from baby to grandpa. Please inform your people that you have made it unnecessary for me to visit them this season. Wishing you a merry Christmas.

I remain, yours truly,
SANTA CLAUS

Box, 1873, North Pole.

Good Grey Flannel, 12 1/2c
Heavy all wool Flannel, 15
" Wincey Dress Goods, 5
Pure linen Towing, 5
Towls per dozen, 50
35 grey Cotton, \$1.00
Wide Steamloom, 05
Heavy Canton Flannel, 05
Ex. quality white bed Blankets, 2.50
Large bed Comforters, 60
Men's heavy Gurnseys, 25
" all wool Cardigan Jackets, 75
" heavy Arctic socks, 20
" wool Mitts, 20
" wool pants, any size, 90
" Overcoats, \$3.75
" Suits, good quality, 5.00
Beautiful all wool Dress Goods, 10
" Corsets, 25
Good wide Carpet, 12 1/2c
Ladies heavy wool Shawls, \$1.60
Men's top Shirts, Collar on, 50
Beautiful Neck Shawls, 35
Men's and Ladies' Persian Lamb Caps, \$2.25
Beaver Caps, 2.75
Heavy Cottonade, 10
Girls' Ulsters, \$1.00
3 pair childrens wool Hose, 25

Ladies' cashmere Gloves, 15
2 papers of Pins, 5
2 Spools, (Coats) 200 thread, \$1.25
5 Fancy Horse Covers, per pair, \$1.25
5 Heavy grey wool Blankets, 1.50
Men's Scotch Alma Caps, 40
Beautiful Stair Carpet, 10
2 Bazaar Patterns, 5
Childrens wool Touques, 35
" wool knit Dresses, 50
Cotton Shirting, fast colors, 05
beautiful Cretonnes, 10
Stacks of Remnants at your own prices.

Ladies good Mink Muffs, \$3.00
Childrens Fur Caps, 25
" " Muffs, 35
40c Ribbons, for 5
6c. " " 10
Large Batts 7
2 Linen Handkerchiefs 5
Linen Table Demask, 15
Colored " 25
Bustles, only 10
\$1.00 Ladies Kids 4 & 6 button, 60
New Brunswick Cotton Yarn \$1.00
" " Warp 1.20
Childrens wool Fascinators 25

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Lindsay, Nov. 7, 1888.

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