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THE HOSPITAL GRANT

If the recent request for a town donation to the Ross Memorial Hospital were as worthy as those who make it, to grant it would be no hardship.

But as a practical proposition we do not think their request can for a moment be entertained. The strength of their appeal is its philanthropy, but there is a higher law than even the law of philanthropy; it is the law of necessity, and what the former urges does the latter often forbids.

It is not in any spirit of disrespect that we speak thus of a grant to the Ross Hospital, but because the facts of the case call for a plain statement of the case, and of the attitude of the public toward it.

It is plainly enough stated that the town and county will be expected to support the hospital. That is a hopeless task. The cost of operating hospitals is steadily increasing. It is now 61 per cent. higher than it was 20 years ago.

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pose must not contain earthy matter. Have council found out whether our statement is correct or not? If it is correct will they go on and allow the gravel to be used? These are questions that may mean thousands of dollars to the town.

We trust that they will adopt the specifications furnished by the Municipal World, pay the contractor a fair price for building the walks and forbid the use of any but first-class material.

EDITORIAL NOTES THE APPEARANCE of the watering cart on the street without a coat of paint, after two months' haggling in council about how it should be painted, is a fair example of the way this year's council is doing business.

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Japan comes to the Toronto conference. Rev. J. C. Pomeroy, formerly principal of the Oakwood High School moves from the Hamilton to London; Rev. Dr. S. P. Rose of Ottawa and one of the greatest preachers of the church goes to the Hamilton conference.

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—Under the trite title "Lindsay Mud" the editor of the Fenelon Falls Gazette, in his last issue, perpetrated an article which is interesting because of its unique if somewhat fantastic suggestions, and as the production of a man who can express an opinion without making an assertion.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

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Trustworthy Goods at Uniformly Right Prices

Some Timely Suggestions on Correct Dress for the Eastertide

AMONG the many new things that will be in vogue this Easter, Millinery of course will be the most prominent, yet you may require many small things to complete your dress for the holiday.



Men's Suits and Hats. For the Eastertide you will probably find here all the latest tweeds and worsteds, made in the most approved styles and tailored quite equal to that of the so-called merchant tailor make.

THIS STORE CLOSING AT 10 O'CLOCK SATURDAY EVENING.

J. Sutcliffe & Sons CASH LINDSAY ONE PRICE

dozen or more new houses in the Fenelon Falls, which will be a great improvement to the village, and will also fill a great need.

Early Shearing Advised. Owing to the scarcity of help on the farm this season, we have numerous inquiries from those who are thinking of shearing their sheep without washing and who wish to know if they can market their wool unwashed.

TENDERS WANTED. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to April 18th next for the work only of constructing an Electrical Transmission Line between Raven Lake and Elliott's Falls, Victoria County. Particulars on application to Raven Lake Portland Cement Co., Ltd. 15-2 16 King-st., W. Toronto.

THE SAILING OF THE GALLEY. H. gally went the galley out of Sidon in the morning; All the crowded jetties cheered her as she passed them one by one; Manned by dark Sidonian seamen, rowing slaves and fighting freemen.

They passed the promontories of Sicily giant-builded. They saw the red volcano flaming into deadly bloom; With the sea-strokes' measured beating, pulsing, straining and repeating. And the hiss of waters parted and the crash of waves meeting.

Far ahead a giant shadow loomed and loomed across the water. Menacing the sail aspiring to the timeless outer seas, Demon-haunted, dim, romantic, where in wastes of fog gigantic Roared in bitter exultation the immeasurable Atlantic.

By the bows the crested chieftains clustered brown undaunted faces. Peering forward into distance with unflinching youthful sight. While the plunging prow thundered smote the shivering seas asunder. And the minstrels' rang of action, of the western worlds of wonder.

So they sailed her into silence. So they sleep beneath the surges. Finding in the green abyssal solace from the burning quest. On the slow deep current shifted, on the kind sea's bosom lifted. Ah, no word came back or token, swimmer spent or wreckage drifted.

Since the galley vanished chancing through the curtain of the west.

SEEDS GROWN TO GROW

We have a brand new stock of Fresh Seeds—all grown last year, and it takes in every standard variety for which there is a demand. Your money, time and year's work are at stake and success or failure depends on the matter of seed.

A. HIGINBOTHAM DRUGGIST

Little Local Lines. —Mixed Paint at Cinnamon's. —Get your tinware repaired at Cinnamon's.

—CANOE WANTED.—A good canoe in first-class condition. Apply at this office.—t. —Supt. Begbie last week located an important leak in the water main near Horn's mill.

—The organizer for the tailors' union was in town this week, and there is talk of another strike. —Sir Hilbert Tupper was ill last week and unable to lecture at the Collegiate Institute, as announced.

—The Sylvester employes have given Mr. John Henders, who had his hands smashed, a purse of about \$100. —Money found.—It is like finding money when you buy a cook stove at Cinnamon's, as you save from \$5 to \$5 on every purchase.

—Farmers should remember the office hours of the Victoria Loan and Saving Co. are from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., every lawful day.—14-t. —Very few people attended Gen. Ben. Viljoen's lecture on Wednesday night of last week. It was a pleasing, temperate and instructive deliverance.

—Remember the Victoria Loan and Saving Company will allow 3 1/2 per cent. interest compounded half-yearly for money left with them on deposit.—14-t. —The first drive of logs for Carlew's mill reached town on March 25th—the earliest date in many years. The lumber and shingle mills are both in operation.

—Our Oakwood correspondent tells of a painful accident to Mr. W. Chaynon. The many friends of the county councillor were glad to see him about town yesterday. —A lemon-meringue social will be held in the basement of the Methodist church this (Thursday) evening. A good program has been prepared and a large gathering is expected.

—The Alexandra, on Thursday last week brought down a tow of 9,500 pieces from Lake Scugog. This is the biggest tow ever brought down the Scugog. Capt. Harman was deck.

—On Thursday, Kent-st was for a couple of hours traversed by numerous dust columns that caused considerable annoyance, and profane until the watering cart, unpainted, appeared on the scene. —Enthusiasts for baseball throw a lively season. Mr. W. Simpson is manager of the team; Dr. Walters, president; Doctors Smith and White and Mr. G. A. Little members of the board.

—On Monday a load of hay belonging to Mr. Dan. Connors was east of town, was upset. Mr. Geo. Padgett of East Ops set with a load of live stock. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley and family of Mr. E. Kelly and Master Alfred Kelly and Mr. Low Robb of Fenelon Falls, and the Day Bros. of Power Corners, left on Tuesday of last week to settle in the Northwest.

—Mr. Chas. Podger won a bag of apples given by Mr. P. J. Hurst and Mr. Lewis Pritchard a silk given by Mr. R. J. Gough—the first and second prizes in the bowl tournament at St. Mary's Parish Hall. —Are you thinking of building a spring? If so call on the Victoria Loan and Saving Company for assistance you may need. The monthly repayment system is very highly spoken of by every one who has used it.—14-t.

—The "James Boys in Missoua" was an attraction at the Academy on Thursday night, that gave youth of the town a satisfying dose of blood, thunder and burnt powder. The train scene was a very creditable production. —Mr. Louis Brooks died at General Hospital, Toronto, on Saturday. He was for a time in operation in the Toronto Institute, might benefit him, he went there and it performed, with fatal result. —On Saturday night a young man named Lunny was assaulted by a man near the Union School. Lunny reported that he held his pursuer