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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE COBourg SENTINEL-STAR says of the recent election in West Northumberland: "Ross and Tarte have again succeeded in buying up West Northumberland's vote for Grithism. A more barefaced political campaign of bribery and rascality we have never witnessed, even in this riding. * * * The price paid in town riding was buoyant and unsteady, ranging in the early portions of polling day from five to ten dollars a vote for avowed independents, but gathering strength as the day advanced till from twenty to thirty dollars were offered wavering Conservatives to mark their ballots for the Grit candidate." That is a sample of talk that is altogether too common in the party press after defeat. It is also one of the most vicious and regrettable features of our political life. It likely does more harm and is quite as inexcusable as the crime of which it speaks. A newspaper has no right to make any unsupported charges, and when it has made them it should, by all classes of the community, be compelled to prove them forthwith or suffer serious consequences. This irresponsible, bad-tempered blackguarding successful political opponents is a pitiful evidence of weakness in the party press in Ontario. The place to make these charges is not in a newspaper, but in the courts, where they must be supported by proof or fall to the ground. The Sentinel-Star should be called upon to prove its charges, for if they are true it is a crime not to prosecute those against whom they are made, and if they are not true, the paper is guilty of a worse offence than buying votes.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Mr. Stewart's Reply
Editor Watchman-Warder.
Sir—Had I known it in time I would have answered last week a paragraph in your paper of the week before. I was deputy returning officer at polling division No. 1, south ward, Lindsay. Mr. Richards, a voter, came to vote. The clerk recorded his name in the usual way and I gave Mr. Richards a ballot which he took into the private apartment provided for the purpose to mark his own ballot. He came out, handed me the ballot saying there was a mark upon it and that he wanted another and wanted me to mark it for him. I then said this is a good ballot and if I am going to mark it for you we can use this one. He said he wanted another and I marked another for him. The mark upon the ballot objected to was a very slight ink blot on the outer edge and not within the space for either candidate. Whether this little blot had got there accidentally in the printing office or in the polling booth I do not know. I had not noticed it and knew nothing of it until Mr. Richards drew my attention to it. The pad of ballots was lying exposed on the table in full view of myself, the poll clerk and all the scrutineers. If the clerk or any of the scrutineers noticed the blot they said nothing to me about it. The blot was upon the face and was so very slight that it could not possibly have been any objection to the ballot on counting and I so told the scrutineers.
When I finished with Mr. Richards there were several voters waiting outside and in a hurry. Mr. Miles Elliott came in and without thinking I handed him the first ballot that came to my hand which was the same ballot I had first handed to Mr. Richards. He refused it and I tore off another and gave it to him. I then marked this ballot which had been refused. "Spoiled" and placed it away among spoiled ballot papers, although I thought the ballot a good one. I ought not to have handed it to another voter after having been refused by one, and had I taken time to think, or had any scrutineer objected, I would not have done so. It was done in a hurry and the moment Mr. Elliott objected I handed him another.
Shortly after this Mr. S. J. Fox came into the booth in an excited manner and said "There have been two spoiled ballots here this morning." I told him there had not been two, there was only one and showed it to him. I asked him if he would object to it. He said he would. I told him the ink mark was accidental.
When the poll opened that morning one of the scrutineers for Mr. Fox wanted to place his chair alongside of and close up to the ballot box. I told him I would not allow any person to sit there and told him to sit away a little. When Mr. Fox came in the scrutineer told him of this, and Mr. Fox then said to the scrutineer, "Take your chair and sit right there," pointing to a place alongside of and close to the ballot box. I told him I would not allow it, that besides other objections it would obstruct voters, and I did not allow it; to do so would have been wrong. Mr. Fox also requested that I show his scrutineer the front and back of each ballot. I did not say whether I would or would not do that. I contended that the scrutineers had no right to examine the ballot; they had a right to see the initials on the back of each; see Section 97 sub-section 8; "The deputy returning officer shall, if required by any candidate present

or his agent, exhibit the name or initials signed or stamped by such deputy returning officer upon the back of the ballot paper before handing the ballot paper to the voter." Before the poll opened all the ballots were counted one by one in the presence of the scrutineers and they could if they wished see each one as it was counted. After that the ballot pad lay on the table exposed to the view of all the scrutineers, so that they could see each ballot as the previous one was torn off and they could see the back of each as I placed my initials there.
There had been no dispute of any kind between any scrutineer and myself as to showing them the ballots before this, nor was there any after this. I had no desire to hold them down to the strict letter of the law and when a scrutineer asked to see front and back of a ballot before handing it to the voter I showed it, concealing the printed number as required by statute.
The paragraph in your paper is unfair to me. I knew my business and conducted the poll with the utmost fairness and propriety. If either Liberals or Conservatives ever want to conduct an election by any sort of improper scheme they shall not do it with my assistance and you know this.
W. J. STEWART.
Lindsay, June 18th, '02.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Cambridge-st. Methodists Exchange Pastor with St. Mary's—The Departing Pastor—Other Church Services.
—Rev. Prof. E. Norman, B.A., of Feller Institute, Grande Ligne, will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church next Sunday.
—At St. Paul's next Sunday, Rev. W. L. Armitage, rector of All Saints' Peterboro, will preach twice. The Masons will attend service in the morning.
—Rev. Jas. McMullan, formerly a minister at Oakwood, preached in the Queen-st. church on Sunday. The Canadian Foresters will attend service there next Sunday evening.
—Rev. J. W. Macmillan was attending the General Assembly in Toronto last week and exchanged pulpits with Rev. R. M. Beck of Maple. The congregation of St. Andrew's were caused a good deal of concern by the report that their pastor was likely to be chosen to succeed the late Dr. Robertson as superintendent of missions, but Tuesday's papers announced that another had been selected for that position.
—Rev. Thos. Manning, B.A., preached his farewell sermon at the Cambridge-st. Methodist church on Sunday night. His theme was brotherly love and charity. Referring to his 5 years pastorate in Lindsay, Mr. Manning said the congregation had made generous contributions to the funds of the church both local and connexional. They had shown him great kindness; but he exhorted them to lay aside business sufficient to attend the week-night prayer meeting in larger numbers, and also to give greater attention to the various devotional exercises of the church. Mr. Manning has been among the ablest pastors of the Cambridge-st. Methodist church. A university graduate, a wide reader, and a close student of human nature, he has, by a unique combination of culture and natural gifts, developed abilities that merit and command his high standing in the Methodist ministry. Mr. Manning has a fine literary taste, and when at his best his sermons were marked by passages of rare beauty of thought and expression. He is a careful sermonizer and those who are familiar with his methods, know that his sermons are carefully prepared and committed to manuscript, not for use in the pulpit, for he is almost wholly an extemporaneous speaker, but to insure thoroughness and accuracy in his treatment of his theme. Mr. Manning's familiarity with the best literature ancient and modern is often revealed by the apt extracts that adorn his discourses. These are always carefully selected. Dextrously handled and admirably rendered; and hence become a side light on many authors as well as serving the preacher's purpose of illustration or proof in the subject discussed. No Methodist minister outside the colleges knows modern religious thought better than does Mr. Manning. "The Higher Criticism is not too high for him. He has no word of reproach for his investigations nor his theories; some of these latter he accepts; a few of them he has preached; but he is among the men who can hold the old faith amid the new theories, and without panic on the one hand or radicalism on the other, teach the fundamentals of Christian doctrine of belief and conduct in the terms with which the common people are familiar and by which their conscience is aroused and their devotion kindled. Mr. Manning's qualities as a pastor won the deep regard of his congregation, and as a citizen he was held in high esteem. No minister in this town was in heartier sympathy with the press, its work, and those engaged in it. Mrs. Manning as member of the choir and officer of the ladies' societies did effective and faithful service. Mrs. Manning left for Toronto last week and before she left the ladies of the Missionary Auxiliary presented her with a French clock, and fine piece of cut glass. The Fortnightly Club gave her a set of W. D. Howells' "Heroines of Fiction." On Monday evening the congregation took leave of Mr. Manning at a pleasant gathering in the schoolroom of the church. Mr. Manning was presented with a leather suit case and a number of felicitous addresses were made. Mr. and Mrs. Manning reached their new field in St. Mary's yesterday. Rev. G. W. Henderson of St. Mary's, and new pastor of the Cambridge-st. church is expected to reach town today (Thursday). He comes very highly recommended by the newspapers of the town he left.

A PLACE IN WHICH THERE IS NEITHER COLD NOR WHISKEY

Mr. M. H. Skuce Talks About Life in Southern California.
Mr. Matthew H. Skuce, formerly of Mt. Horeb returned a week ago after four years residence in Southern California. Speaking of that country Mr. Skuce said:
"I have been living near the town of Redlands. The climate is beautiful. There is very little cold at all. The grain is sowed in November and harvested in May. So it grows right through the winter months. The trees and flowers, on the other hand, put on their foliage and bloom in the spring, a month earlier than here. Hence you have the peculiar state of affairs that the crops are growing one half of the year and other vegetation flourishes the other half.
The chief product of the country is fruit—lemons and oranges. I have worked in these groves ever since I went there. A laborer gets \$2.00 a day and plenty of work. Board costs \$3.50 and \$4 a week. Two of my brothers are there and several other Canadians.
There is a good deal of grain grown in Southern California; but the rainfall cannot be depended on. Artificial irrigation is used everywhere and the need for that limits the grain growing area at present.
WHERE PROHIBITION WORKS
Within a radius of 35 miles there are the three towns—cities we call them—of Redlands, Riverside and Pasadena. They are places of from 7,000 to 8,000 people and are under prohibition. They have been for 9 or 10 years. It is a sort of Local Option for the town council makes the law. It works well too. Sometimes the drug stores sell more than they should but not often. They are practically over-run. You hardly ever see a drunken man. The hotels have no bars at all or sell any sort of drinks. They are simply boarding houses and make a very good living. Even in the big tourist hotels no wine is allowed on the table. Pasadena is only 5 miles from the city of Los Angeles where there is plenty of liquor and in the country around the three prohibition towns there are hotels with liquor. Of course some people want the law very strong in favor of the present system. The morals of the town are good."
Mr. Skuce came home by the Northern Pacific to Vancouver and from there by the C. P. R., so that he traversed an enormous distance and saw some of the finest scenery in the world. He will visit friends for 6 weeks and then go back again.

SAID IN FEW WORDS

"The season has been rather cold and backward in Manitoba and the territories" said Mr. John R. Gilchrist of Islay, who recently returned from the West. "but the growth has been very hardy and the prospects for another good crop are excellent."
"The south ward school ought to be closed" said Dr. Burrows, "scarlet fever is common in that ward and the children should not be allowed to congregate in school."
"The bicycle business has been a little quiet this season" said Mr. R. Stinson of Edwards & Co., "but the season has been against wheeling, and we expect to do a very good summer's trade."
"The scarcity of brick last fall made us very busy this spring" said Mr. S. J. Fox, M.P.P. "We have not been able to supply the demand yet. To make matters worse a kiln of 70,000 bricks that were just turning red hot, tilted to one side on Friday and knocked the end out of the kiln. We had to let the fire out. Some of the bricks were spoiled, and we have been kept back a full week by the accident."
"There is some talk that Mr. James Hamilton is not being made to conform to the fire by-law" said Ald. McDiarmid. "He is within the limits that requires that new buildings shall have 9-inch solid brick walls. Now he is putting a top on the part of his house that came through the fire. The house is brick-veneered. A solid 9-inch wall cannot be put on a veneer, but Mr. Hamilton is doing the next best thing; he is building the wall of brick 9 inches thick between the studding. With any liberal interpretation of the law that should do."
"While attending the convention of the Canadian Electrical Association at Quebec last week" said Mr. B. F. Resor, "I went with the other delegates to Point Rouge where a cantilever bridge is being built. One span is 1800 feet or a third of a mile long and high enough to let the ocean steamships pass under it."
Miss Sheriff who this week returned to town after a three-months visit at her home in Kansas, says: "The winter was very dry and the fall wheat was largely a failure on that account. This spring heavy rains fell and the crops are looking well. Prohibition is looking well. Prohibition is easily got. There is a very strong temperance sentiment—stronger than here—but the liquor vote goes solid and intimidates the officials who hope for re-election. As a result the law is not well enforced."
Dr. Shier: "The scarlet fever that is so prevalent in town is of a malignant type. It is said that black diphtheria is also here, but that so far as I know, is not the case. Some corpses have turned black, but that might occur after death from any disease that produces very high temperatures. Prompt steps should be taken to stamp out the fever."
Wool Wanted
Bring your wool to Dodds and Carmichael, Woodville and get the highest price.—24-2.

The Collegiate Closing

Tomorrow (Friday) evening the annual closing exercise of the Collegiate Institute will be held. The closing is always an occasion of deep interest, and will be exceptionally so



HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON
this year, because it will be attended by Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, who will lecture on "Boundary Questions Between Canada and the United States." Mr. Sifton is a foremost Canadian, a scholar and speaker and statesman of great merit. This will be his first visit to Lindsay and he should be heard by a large number.

FENELON FALLS NEWS BUDGET

What has Transpired at the Cataract Town During the Past Week.
Mr. Wm. McArthur spent Saturday in Lindsay.
Little Miss Helen Graham of Blythe is visiting her uncle Mr. Thos. Graham.
Mr. J. H. Carnegie, M.P.P. was at the Falls on Friday.
Mr. M. Horton spent Saturday and Sunday in Bobcaygeon.
Owing to the absence of the Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair, B. A. at the Toronto General Assembly there was no service in St. Andrew's on Sunday last.
The Rev. John Garbutt was also absent but his pulpit was filled by the Rev. Mr. Cook of Cobocok.
The Rev. Mr. McNamara returned on Saturday from attending synod at Toronto.
A most enjoyable social was held at the pretty home of Mr. B. H. Maybee on Friday. The house was crowded and a most enjoyable evening spent.
The summer excursions are beginning in earnest. Last Thursday a large crowd came to the Falls from Reaboro per "Kenosha." On Friday the "Greyhound" passed north early in the morning and returned in a few hours loaded with a party from Victoria Road who spent a lovely day down the lakes. A large number of the S. A. went down to Chemong on Friday also per "Kenosha" and on Saturday the "Alexandra" took a large party through the village south. This happy crowd came from Cobocok.
Our Agricultural Society intend running an excursion to Lindsay per "Alexandra" on July 1st. As this will be a public holiday we expect to see the large and handsome excursion boat filled.
Mr. A. Clarke, jr., and family left for Lindsay last week where they will reside in future. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Clark will be a great loss to the village.
Col. Hughes, M.P., spent last Saturday and also Tuesday of this week at the Falls.
Mr. John Austin of Kinmount spent Sunday with his family at the Falls.
Mr. W. T. Roberts of McMaster Hall, Toronto, came to the Falls on Monday to remain till after the convention.
A very large number of delegates are in attendance at the Baptist convention at present in session at the Baptist church here.
The residence of Mr. L. Menzies was the scene of a quiet wedding on Wednesday of last week, the contracting parties being Miss Jennie Wise and Mr. G. Despond of Toronto. Miss Tillie Telford of Toronto acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Menzies as groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cook of Cobocok and after a sumptuous repast the happy couple left on the afternoon train for their future home in Toronto bearing with them the warm wishes of their many friends.
For some time it seemed as if every wedding in Fenelon Falls was followed by a funeral. Last week did not prove an exception. On Thursday Mrs. Neil McGilvery an aged resident of Fenelon Falls died at her late residence and was buried in the village cemetery on Saturday.
The "Greyhound" came up to the Falls on Monday and the toot of whistles is heard every hour of almost every day.
Remember July 1st in Lindsay. Horse racing, athletic sports, balloon ascension, parachute drop, horse racing, athletic sports, continuous program morning and afternoon. Business places open until 1 p.m.
The work of preparation to start building the foundation of the new Episcopal church on Bond street is being rapidly rushed on.
Bass and lunge fishing began on Monday and many finny treasures have been already baited and hooked and thoroughly digested.
Mr. Knowlson of Lindsay passed through the village north on his yacht on Saturday to take in the first of the season's fishing.
The scribe removes his hat and makes his best bow to Mr. Conquergood of the Bell Telephone Co. Lindsay, whose name should have appeared in last week's budget instead of the name of Mr. Varcoe. We rise to explain the error. The young gentleman in Fenelon Falls who gave that item to the scribe gave it correctly and the thanks he received was to be invited out in the back yard by the first young gentleman when the wrong name appeared in print. The mistake was made partially by the scribe and partially by some of the printers in the W. W. office. The scribe forgot the name and asked the

SUTCLIFFES' STORE NEW

Coronation Day, June 26th, This Store Will be Closed all day.
Out of town customers may visit this store June 25th, at single fare, good returning 27th—thereby enjoy some of the money-saving chances offered by this store. Store Closed all day 26th.

In the Ladies' Section In the Men's Section
25c HOSE 19c
COMFORT HOSE
Ladies' Fine Black Cotton Hose; full fashioned; natural balbriggan feet, regular value 25c per pair for 19c
Ladies' Blouses \$1 Regular Value \$1.50
Ladies' fast color Chambray and muslin Blouses. This season's styles, regular value \$1.50 1.00
Black Sateen Blouses 69c Regular Price \$1.25
Ladies' Black Sateen Blouses; tucked front, back and sleeve with fancy cuff; regular price \$1.25 for 69c
Shoulder Capes 99c Regular Price up to \$4
Ladies' Shoulder Capes, 22 inches long, all wool cloth, braided or stitched. Just the thing for these chilly evenings. Regular prices \$3.50 and \$4.00 each. To 99c
Remember Lindsay's Monster Celebration July 1st. This store will be open until one o'clock.

J. Sutcliffe & Son

WHAT MONEY WILL BUY
—IN—
LIGHT SUMMER FOOTWEAR
15c will buy 1 box Packard's S. Polish
" " 1 pr genuine porpoise lace
" " 1 pr women's cloth slippers
25c will buy 1 large lunch basket
" " 1 large bottle shoe polish
" " 1 pr Women's C. Slippers
" " 1 pr children's kid slippers
or Moccasins.
25c will buy 1 pr boys' running Shoes, size 12 x 13 only.
50c will buy 1 pr. Men's L. Slippers.
" " 1 pr. Women's Imperial
" " Kid Buskins.
50c will buy 1 pr. Women's Ten. Shoes
" " 1 black leather H. Satchell
" " 1 Telescope Valise.
" " 1 pr boys' Running Shoes
75c will buy 1 pr. boys' fine Dongola Slippers.
75c will buy 1 pr. Women's Dongola Buskins.
75c will buy 1 pr. Women's Oxford Ties.
\$1 will buy 1 pr Misses' Kid Slippers
" " 1 pr women's Oxford
" " 1 pr Cordovan Slippers
" " 1 pr men's fine Kid Slippers
" " 1 pr Women's Dongola
\$1.25 will buy 1 pr Women's Oxford Ties, 6 lines to choose from.
\$1.25 will buy 1 pr Misses' Leather Slippers.
\$1.25 will buy 1 pr Women's Oxford Ties.
\$1.25 will buy 1 pr Men's Oxford Ties.
" " 1 pr Men's Oxford Ties.
" " 1 pr Boys' Dongola
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printers to insert it and they inserted the wrong one. Now, if Mr. Conquergood is still inclined for specifics he will require to interview the scribe or the unfortunate printer Forewarned is forearmed and in case of emergency the scribe has purchased a pair of boxing gloves and is practising swinging dumb bells to increase his muscle.
Will some good Samaritan inform the public in general what the many times is the correct way to use a town bell and how many bells, a town bell and how many bells and not one of them with the train that passes through the village.