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VERULAM RECANTS

Changes its Mind About the County Guaranteeing Fenelon Falls Bonds—Now Favors It.

The Verulam council met on Monday of last week. The clerk reported that having searched the minutes and by-laws regarding the crossway on lot 22, con'd, stating that no by-law could be found or no minute of any kind that it was a highway. So on motion of Lewis and Capstick, the clerk was instructed, for the purpose of making no error, to get posters printed and posted up, and also advertise the closing of it by by-law for Saturday Oct. 3rd.

Mr. Robinson, manager of the bank at Fenelon, asked as a favor that Verulam deposit a portion of their taxes with the bank as it would be a great convenience to the farmers of north Verulam. The council decided not to take any action at present.

Wm. Green applied for the collectorship at \$75 and on motion of Capstick and Lewis his application was accepted. Jas. Flett, sr., and Jacob Walker are his sureties. On motion of Lewis and Brooks, Jas. Billett and J. Lamb were granted \$17.33 for sheep killed.

FENELON FALLS BONDS

A deputation consisting of Messrs. McDiarmid, M. W. Brandon, and Joseph McFarland appeared in the matter of the protest sent the county by Fenelon Falls by the county. Arguing that the county would in no way be responsible for the amount guaranteed by it, they believed also that even Fenelon Falls would not be called upon for any part of it because the property bought would be self-sustaining and even yield a profit. By the county guaranteeing the bonds Fenelon Falls would be able to sell them for more than without the county guarantee.

A motion was made by Councillors Brooks and Devitt that whereas a deputation from the water and power commissioners of Fenelon Falls have waited on this council regarding the memorial place on our books regarding the county guaranteeing the bonds of the village of Fenelon Falls purchase of water power, and whereas it has been shown by the said deputation that the county would be under no liability whatever in guaranteeing the said bonds, and have also shown that even the village of Fenelon Falls will not be called upon to be under a liability, but that instead a revenue shall be derived. Therefore be it resolved that the resolution passed at the last session viewing with displeasure the county guaranteeing the bonds of the village of Fenelon Falls in the purchase of the water power from McDougall, Brandon and Austin be and is hereby rescinded, and that instead, this council look upon the scheme with a good deal of satisfaction, tending as it does towards municipal ownership; and that our county representatives be instructed to support the measure.

CAN FARMERS MAKE THE PRICE?

A Writer Thinks They Can Name Their Price for Wheat as Others do for Steel

Mr. W. F. McSparran of Lancaster Pa., writes in the last Country Gentleman that a good deal is said about the great work farmers are doing in feeding the world, but that they have come too near doing it at a loss. He believes they should demand a higher price for their wheat and proceeds as follows: Charity begins at home with all men but farmers. It is about time we country people paused in our eternal building of the towns and cities and look after our own households? Of what value to us is an unprofitable customer? Our dollar-a-bushel wheat will no more advance the price of the loaf than we who burn coal oil have our light advanced; and 280 millions or so of dollars, divided among all the growers of wheat in America, would show a small face beside the \$88,000 daily income of the head of the oil combination.

The market reports say that the price of steel rails for the next year has been fixed at \$28 a ton, and I appeal to any economist in my claim that on account of greater fluctuation in the various elements of the cost of steel rails, the fixing a future price for them is a much more arbitrary performance than would be our fixing the selling price of wheat. We are writing and talking a great deal about increasing the productivity of our fields and flocks and herds, that we may meet the burdens laid upon us, and rightly too; but it is well to remember that there is a limit to our cheapening of cost, and if we quietly submit, the selling price follows cost price downward and we are in no wise the gainers financially. We must put ourselves in the way of the microbe that produces a realizing sense of the importance of the selling price. It is a beautiful thing to feed and clothe the world cheaply, but let us have a personal care to do it profitably.

COMMUNICATION

Religion and Civil Government

Editor Watchman-Warder. Sir:—Recent events naturally rise the question: "Has civil government the right to legislate concerning religion?" or, in other words, should to enforce church dogmas on its people? One would think in this enlightened age it would be unnecessary to say anything on this subject; but it is a fact that a large class of people are almost continual-

ly trying to get the government to do this very thing. This may be a surprise to some, but it is true nevertheless. What has caused all or nearly all of the persecution of the past? There is but one answer—the civil power trying to enforce the customs of the church. "Do people wish to have this thing over again? Oh, you say, there is no danger now. How do you know? Let us see.

How about Sunday laws? Sunday is a religious day. It is a church dogma that Sunday is the Sabbath of Lord's Day. It is religious and religious only. It is worse than useless to deny this. And whenever the province or dominion enforces it, it is enforcing a church dogma on the people. Then we have religion by law. If the Dominion can enforce one religious custom it can enforce any number of religious customs. Are the Canadian people ready to admit this principle of religious legislation?

Now I wish to ask a few questions. Is it right to do this? Did Christ ever seek the aid of civil power to enforce his religion on people? Did he ever tell his followers to do so? Did he not rather say: "My kingdom is not of this world." And again, "If any man hear my word and believe it not, I judge him not." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He did not say, "Go ye into every parliament and persuade them to pass laws about church dogmas."

What do the pages of history teach about Government-enforced religion? As one reads them he would think that surely by this time the world had had enough of it, but now it only comes up in a little different way. If it were really a good thing, then the middle ages were the enlightened ages; those ages when the rack and fire were in use. Those ages when millions of martyrs went down to death loaded with infamy because they denied the right of church and state to dictate to them what they should believe and practice. These martyrs felt that their duty to God was above all human legislation, which has no right whatever to legislate on religion. When man's law conflicts with God's law we say with prophets and apostles: "We ought to obey God rather than man." Much could be said on this, but I will simply say if Sunday is really the Lord's Day, is not the Lord able to take care of it, but if it is not are we not doing an awful thing to try to enforce it on the people. Yours truly, GRANT PRIDDY, Oakwood, Aug. 25, '08.

LIFE ON A FARM

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A Place Where Woman's Work is Never Done—The Reason Why There are So Many Prematurely Aged and Worn Out Women

It has been very truly said that "women's work is never done," and this is, perhaps, especially true when applied to the wives of Canadian farmers, who are kept busy with their manifold duties from daylight till dark, and who find even under the most favorable circumstances, but little time for relaxation and social enjoyment. They are a class of women whose pluck and endurance everyone must admire, they are helpmates in the broadest sense of the word, and unfortunately too often pay the penalty either in a complete breakdown of health, or in prematurely aged appearance. A case in point is that of Mrs. J. Marais, the wife of a well known and well-to-do farmer, living near Riviere du Loup, Que. Mrs. Marais is the mother of a large family, and like her husband, was ambitious for their welfare. As a consequence she overtaxed her strength, and after the birth of her first child she failed to regain her former health. Several months passed and still Mrs. Marais was confined to her bed. Her strength had completely passed away. She was troubled with headaches, was extremely nervous, subject to pains in the back, and unable to take food with relish. She was under the care of more than one doctor, but did not regain her strength, and her family and friends believed there was but little hope for her recovery. Then a neighbor strongly advised her to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she began doing so. Soon, under the use of the pills she began to recover her strength, was able to be up and go about. Day by day further beneficial results followed the continued use of the pills until after the use of eight boxes Mrs. Marais was fully restored to her old-time health and vigor. She speaks of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in very warm terms and loses no opportunity to praise them.

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The steam barge, Erin, which recently sank near Brockville was raised, and was going up the river the other night when she got on a reef. Another vessel which was towing ran into her with such force as to throw Sailor McKay of the Erin to the deck and break his neck.

TWICE TOLD TALES

News of The World Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs

The people of Naples and environs witnessed a remarkable spectacle on the 26th ult. One thousand feet below the centre cone of Vesuvius, the volcano opened like a huge mouth out of which belched a fire stream of lava, which ran the side of the mountain. The eruption occurred without any warning whatever. Red hot stones were thrown to a height of seven hundred feet. Prof. Krull, o. Munich, predicts that before the month is finished there will be a great eruption and an earthquake all over the world. The people near Vesuvius say the professor has the "Evil Eye" and want him expelled because he predicted this eruption. Rain has been falling almost constantly in Sweden and very heavily for the last fortnight upon the nearly all the provinces of Upsala, rye fields of the province and the harvest afloat in the deluge and the harvest is completely arrested. The losses that have resulted are estimated at several million dollars.

Up to the present date close to 90,000 cattle have been shipped from the port of Montreal. This is not only a record, but is 40,000 more than the total amount handled in any previous season. Before the end of the previous season the total number of cattle handled by Canadian railways and Canadian steamship companies is expected to be more than double that of any previous year. The most marked feature of the increase has been the larger number of cattle received from the different points throughout Ontario. The increase has been much greater than in any part of the west.

The C. P. R. irrigation scheme which has been talked of for a long time is about to be put into operation. The scheme is to be employed in the Northwest Territories in districts which have hitherto been regarded as hopeless from the point of view of agriculture. It is expected to reclaim two million acres.

Four masked men held up the watchman of the Featherstonhaugh mine in Atlan, Alaska, and stole nearly \$20,000 worth of gold dust, which has been collected in the sluices during the day. Twenty workmen had just gone to supper, leaving the watchman in charge. He was caught from behind, pinioned and gagged, and in twenty minutes the big clean-up was in canvas sacks which the robbers brought for the purpose. They fled in the darkness. Fruit receipts in Toronto have seldom, if ever, been as large as they are at present. The boats from the Niagara peninsula bring in thousands of packages daily, the greater part from Niagara and St. Catharines districts, where there is a glut. Plums are especially plentiful—so plentiful that the growers will not find it profitable to pick any but the choicest varieties. Even the canning factories have refused to accept any more, and what they take they get at their own price. Five cents a basket and pick them yourself is the price in some parts. Pears, peaches and apples are looking well. Grapes are also well advanced and promise an abundant yield. All in all there will be fruit of all kinds in great abundance, and the prices in Toronto and other consuming centres should be away down.

A collision between two buggies near Stratford on Thursday night, may mean the loss of an eye to Mr. Elgar, son of Mr. N. Elgar of the second concession of that township. He was driving home about eleven o'clock, when he collided with a rig going the opposite direction, and one of the shafts of the other buggy struck him in the right eye, injuring it badly. Just how the accident occurred cannot be learned, but it is probable that the other rig struck the side of Mr. Elgar's buggy.

It is reported from Sofia that the police have discovered a tunnel leading under the palace of Prince Ferdinand. It is 30 yards long, and it is believed was constructed with the intention of blowing up the place.

The exposition of the Redemptorists Fathers from their monastery at Les Sables D'Olonne, Department of Vendee, was carried out on Thursday after an exciting experience. The barricaded building was surrounded at 3 o'clock in the morning by soldiers, police and firemen. The monastery bells summoned a crowd of people to its defence, missiles were thrown out of the windows, and several of the besiegers were injured. After four hours' siege the barricaders were forced and the fathers retreated to the roof, where they continued their defence until dislodged by streams of water from a number of fire engines.

Joseph T. Hood, a resident of Sydenham township, aged 25, died from injuries received in a runaway on Wednesday of last week. The young man was driving a spirited team down a hill about a mile from Garryowen, a postoffice ten miles from Owen Sound. Some loose boards on the top of the wagon-box slipped down and struck the horses. They ran away, and Hood was thrown out. His ribs were crushed in, and his injuries were of such a serious nature that he lived only about ten hours. France wishes to buy Canadian apples, and if negotiations now underway are carried out an extensive trade is certain to follow. This year the apple crop throughout the French Republic is practically a failure. During the past week the French consul-general in Montreal received a letter from France in which information was requested as to the Canadian apple, and what might be expected as regards the opening of a trade in this special line. In reply he advised the parties interested to send an expert to judge for himself. It is believed that a large and profitable trade can be worked up between France and Canada in this line.

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