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A. HIGINBOTHAM,

Next to Daly House

The Watchman-Warder

THURSDAY, DEC. 14th, 1899

The Council

The nominations for next year's council will be held on Friday night. At this moment there is not very much to be said as to the probable selections. We are able to say, however, that Mayor Walters will not again be a candidate, neither will aldermen Horn and Lennon. Aldermen Sootheran, Ingle, Jackson and Crandell will not refuse if there is any prospect of their having capable colleagues. Our policy, as stated last week, is to fix upon as many of the old council as possible and make the best additions that are available. It is imperative that some Roman Catholics shall be members of the council next year for their absence has been a serious matter. If the people adopt our view and show their convictions on Friday night, the municipal elections which now threaten great confusion will be immensely simplified and the interests of the town greatly served in the coming year.

A Critical Moment

No matter that will receive the attention of the ratepayers at the coming elections will, in our opinion, be of such immediate importance as the proposal to buy the waterworks. Since the good roads movement was rejected one cannot help having fears that some perversion has seized the people, that may lead them to do the town serious damage at the polls. We have of late been cautious to the point of utter stagnation. The rejection of the water works at \$60,000 was the most costly error Lindsay has made in later years; the very \$20,000 that was refused for road-making four months ago is already a magnificent necessity. Caution is not always wisdom.

Now the waterworks are within our reach again. They are a permanent necessity. We shall use them and either we or somebody else will own them. The owners will get the profits; the users will pay the rental. Shall we pay the rental to ourselves and have the profits or pay it to the other people and let them have the profits? In that case extension

and prosperity mean higher rental for us to pay and bigger profits for the owners. In the other we collect the rents and the increasing profits are ours.

Will there be any profits? There are now. The surplus last year was \$2,100. Either Lindsay goes to pieces or these profits increase. Barrie bought their works by an expensive arbitration. They paid \$90,000 for a plant with the same number of hydrants that our system has. The report is to hand for the year. It says that Barrie paid the interest on that \$90,000 and a loan of \$7,000 making a total of \$97,000 and also paid \$1,700 on the principle and have a surplus of \$100. That is the first year's result in Barrie. London's report is also to hand. That city has owned its plant for some time and the result is phenomenal. The revenue for this year was \$87,436 and the expenditures \$24,409 leaving a surplus of \$50,000 of which \$30,000 was available for the city treasury. These instances are greater than much talk.

A New Railway

The proposed C.P.R. connection has been a live topic of discussion during the week. In town and in the townships, in private and on public platforms the pros and cons have been advanced and argued. It is being made a good deal more cumbersome problem than is necessary. Likely nobody objects to the road. No town or community would surely not be glad to have another line, especially the C.P.R. The objection, then, that the town will be injured by the road because the country will profit, and vice versa, has not a great deal of force. Neither thinks that other benefits would not fully compensate for these losses.

The question then is: will the compensation be in excess of the loss to the extent of the bonus asked? Decide on that; then vote. Returns will come in two ways. First the construction will leave a good deal of money along the route. If it costs \$600,000 to build it probably this county will come in for at least \$100,000 for supplies, labor etc. If not that sum then any sum you think. That, whatever it would be, would be an immediate return and could be legitimately deducted from the present worth of the bonus paid. For the balance of the bonus we should have to look to advantages in markets, freights, accommodation, etc. If these two sources of returns equal, in your reckoning, the amount of the bonus you can vote for the road; if not you cannot. In our computation they do, and we advocate giving the bonuses asked.

With regard to Mr. McDonald's scheme for municipal ownership, it is in the abstract, a sound principle that will be much advocated in the near future, but it seems too much to hope that we shall ever get the road in such an unusual way and since "a bird in the hand, etc.", it would not be wise to reject the present scheme for any forlorn hope.

The War in Africa

In quick succession, disaster after disaster has come upon the British forces ever since this unfortunate war began. Each has been worse than its predecessor until when last week ended the situation was about as bad as could have been reached in so short a time. Three garrisons of 15,000 men are in desperate straits, two generals have been killed, more than 2,000 troops are prisoners, 20 guns have been lost, the total casualties exceed 6,000, three strong relief columns comprising 50,000 men under half a dozen of the ablest British generals, have been whipped to a standstill with tremendous losses, and the enemy still holds the territory he occupied. Perhaps worse than all, Cape Colony is in a state of revolt and the black terror is manifesting hostility to the British.

It may be that after awhile the people of this nation will come to their senses and exercise becoming intelligence and deliberation with regard to the war. War is a serious matter and any man who does not regard it seriously is a fool. Nevertheless there is a tendency among British people to go about this most momentous undertaking of a nation, in a spirit of anything but deliberation. Brass bands and bunting, hurrahs, catchy songs, loyalty and patriotism—by these they stamper themselves to war with less sense and worse results than Carleton's mules. From the first we have protested against this rampant and heady jingoism. By these protests we have drawn the enthusiast's fire, yet the entire course of the war has justified that position. The Empire has been forced to its knees in Africa because of this spirit of reckless haste. At the outset it was a crime to inquire the cause of the war. It was not inquired about and the nation went to war and did not know what the war was about. It does not know yet. A good proof that it does not is that no newspaper now tries to state it, and a better one is that three Ministers of the Crown have stated it to be three different things. Mr. Chamberlain says it is the franchise of the Outlanders, Mr. Hicks Beach, the British supremacy, and Mr. Balfour has discovered that it is because of a Boer plot to drive the British out of Africa. This panicky quest for cause is a fatal reflection on the government's wisdom and the fact that the people have sanctioned war without better information does not point to the permanency of the Empire. The people were in haste to sanction

war, the government was in haste to sending the forces, the forces were similarly impetuous in their attack on the enemy, and here we are with campaign number one a miserable failure. Let us have sense. Must a man be an unreasoning fanatic to be a patriot? Shall we be less loyal because we are more prudent? With the present impulsive way of going on we shall never thrash the cool-headed Dutchmen in the world.

Now a second contingent is asked. The papers of that centre of jingoism, Toronto, are again declaiming in the old hysterical fashion. With some of them dissension at home is a small price to pay for peace abroad. Slurs, insinuations and threats are fustily and dramatically fired about, for personal gain and political effect; and all this disgusting chaos is hallowed by screams of patriotism. A country is unfortunate to have such men love it. As a concession to sentiment, one contingent was sent without the consent of parliament or people. Before another goes, let our representatives be called together and the thing done as becomes the greatest colony of a great nation. To contribute either money or men we must violate the principles for which the American colonies contended and for which the Outlanders and British armies are now contending, since we have no representative in the British parliament. Yet we can most properly at this time, place all our resources at the disposal of the Motherland, but the people themselves should make the gift. If by the intrigues of Cecil Rhodes and the blunders of Chamberlain, the Empire has been actually placed in peril, it is a time for deliberation and thought, for orderly, masterful action among statesmen and seriousness and self-restraint among the people.

Editorial Notes

MERRY Christmas. VROOMAN and victory. THE slate has become a blackboard. "WIPING SOMETHING off a slate" is no easy task for Tommy. NO DOUBT that New Zealander is packing his satchel for a journey to London bridge.

IT MAY be hoped that matters in the Philippines and Transvaal are not approaching "an intolerable condition of affairs."

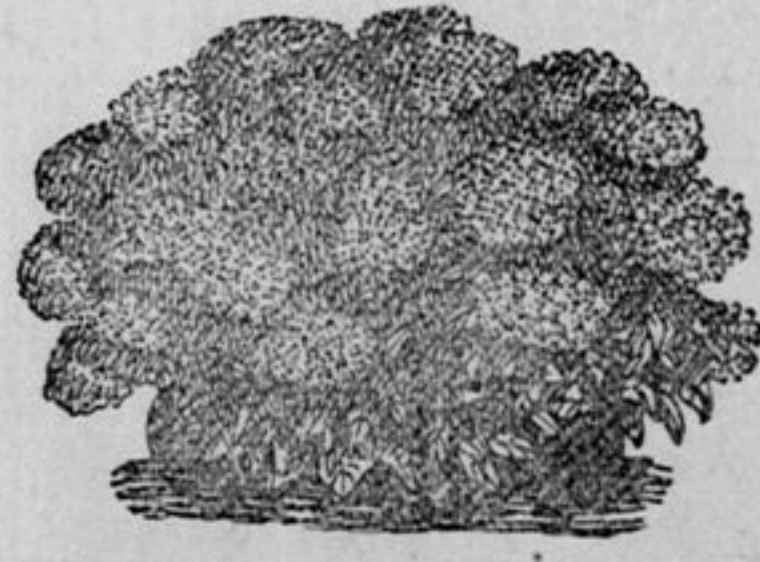
WE ARE hoping that "The Absent Minded Beggar" who has neglected to pay for his paper, will set out for this office.

WE DRAW attention to Rev. J. W. Macmillan's sermon on the war and municipal matters in another column. By a compositor's error the introductory words of the sermon are prefaced to the second sentence of the prayer. Our readers will have no trouble in placing them properly.

Don't squander money on useless Christmas Gifts. You'll have most satisfaction in picking from B. J. GOUGH'S great overstock of Overcoats, Suits and Furnishings at slaughter prices. Such gifts are always appreciated.

Verbena From Seed.

Sow in a shallow box and keep in plenty of heat and moisture. The seed being quite small must be barely covered with fine soil. Reset in larger boxes two inches apart. When large enough place in 2 1/2-inch pots or three inches apart in boxes. In transplanting to the garden give plenty of room for the plants to spread. In newly-plowed sod ground, a young thriving verbena plant of the strong growing kind will easily cover a space six feet in diameter and furnish hundreds of



DWARF VERBENA, HYBRIDA COMPACTA.

flowers, the branches on the ground each taking root.

The verbena delights in an open sunny spot and is not suitable for growing in the shade of either trees or buildings. It can get along in poor soil, but does remarkably well in rich. It grows admirably in prairie soil. Popular sorts are the newer edging or border varieties, such as illustrated above. They are neat, profuse flowering sorts of all colors, fine blues, stripes, white eyes, etc.

Not a Reckless Performance. "I've been shopping every day this week." "Then you must be ready for winter now, Mrs. Miggs." "No. One day I bought a pair of shoes, and the other five days I bought a hat."—Chicago Record.

Handling Stable Manure.

Manure should be kept packed away from the air as tightly as possible, and if well rotted, should be plowed under just before planting; otherwise turn it under several months before that time. Contrary to the common opinion, half-rotted manure is more valuable than well rotted, because the former contains a larger amount of nitrates.

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Moving to New Quarters

M. E. Tagney having decided to move about Jan. 10th, will dispose of his furniture at greatly reduced prices, consisting of Bedsteads, Dining-room sets, Lounges, Springs, Mattresses, odd beds and iron bedsteads. Also three folding Mantel Beds at cost.—50 Lt.

Public Meeting

A meeting of the ratepayers of the town will be held in the opera house on Tuesday next, Dec. 26th, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the by-law to raise \$75,000 for the purchase of the Lindsay Waterworks. Every ratepayer should make it a point to be present and hear this important question fully discussed.

The Drawing Card at Gough's

No such opportunity has occurred for years in Lindsay to procure winter overcoats, ulsters, reefers and suits at such mutilated prices as that afforded by Gough's stupendous overstocked sale. In fact, it is the drawing card of the season. An imperative necessity exists for clearing or reducing the stock, so that slaughter prices is the order of the day at Gough's.

Colegiate Institute Notes.

—One of the ambitious members of the first form was recently found in a drenched condition at one end of the basement. Inquiry revealed that he had just been interviewed by the Tapping Society, and the ceremony had evidently not passed off with its wonted smoothness.

—Those who remember last year's conversation must have been pleased to hear of the re-union of students and ex-students to be held in these classic halls on Dec. 22nd. The preparations, while not so elaborate as those of last year, are sufficient to justify us in anticipating an enjoyable gathering. The meeting in the afternoon, when the usual election of officers will take place, is open only to students and ex-students. The public are invited to be present at the evening exercises.

The students of the Model School were in possession of the Assembly Hall on Monday and Tuesday, being engaged in their examination. Their smiling faces and jaunty demeanour betoken confidence in success.

Christmas Candies

My stock of Christmas Candies is very complete. The biggest and best assortment of the choicest varieties we have ever carried. All from the leading makers. We lead in choice chocolates and creams.

A. B. TERRY.—49-3.

Marriages

WILSON—BRYSON—At Cameron, on Dec. 13th, by the Rev. T. Snowdon, assisted by Rev. Gilbert Horton, Mr. S. A. Wilson to Miss Mary A. Bryson.

SIFE—TORRANCE—On Dec. 12th, by the Rev. A. McNeil, Mr. Ferdinand Sife and Miss Amelia Torrance, both of Dysart township, Haliburton county.

NAYLOR—MARSH—At the Simpson house, Lindsay, by the Rev. T. Snowdon, on Monday, December 11th, 1899, Mr. James Naylor to Miss Anna Marsh, both of the township of Fenelon.

Died

ANDERSON.—In Lindsay, on Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 1899, Robert Anderson, aged 34 years.

WEBBER.—In Mariposa, on Friday, Dec. 16th, 1899, Annie Maretta Webber, aged 21 years and 6 weeks.

The Lindsay Markets

Table with columns for GRAIN, COARSE GRAIN, and VEGETABLES, listing prices for various items like Fall Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes, etc.

Table with columns for MEAT, POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCE, listing prices for Chickens, Ducks, Eggs, Turkeys, Lamb, Hogs, Beef, etc.

Table with columns for GENERAL, listing prices for Hay, Lard, Straw, Hides—Beef, etc.

Toronto Live Stock Market

Table with columns for CATTLE, SHEEP AND LAMBS, MILKERS AND CALVES, HOGS, listing prices for Shippers, Butcher, Stockers, Ewes, etc.

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Xmas Greetings

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To all whose patronage bestow He doth appreciation show, To meet their case when funds are low He keeps the prices down. And while the welcome snow flakes fall, By Christmas Greetings sent to all, He asks his numerous friends to call And deal with M. J. CARTER.

M. J. CARTER,

The Bargain Giver - Lindsay, Ont.



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