local Electric Plant Makes Large Profits REVIEW OF THE WORK FOR 1908 GIVEN IN SECRETARY'S REPORT

INMITTED TO 16 PER CENT. IN SUIT SOME YEARS AGO-THIS WAS ON REAL STOCK AND ON "WATER"-ADAM BECK TO VISIT HERE SHORTLY-INTERESTING LETTER FROM J. P. DONALD ON THE ELETRIC POWER QUESTION.

ter could not pay 6 per cent on their attempt to do. mital and do so. The court in inmake, will carry weight anywhere.

wehensible. As one prominent mer- time for a change.—Yours, etc., mant put it the other day, he is the

To the Editor of The Free Press.) | tors to contend with, and freely ad Now that the holidays are ov- mitted that had he a monopoly, the and the little hiatus that usually natural man in him would seek to ovwars then filled up, it might be well er-reach his fellows, who were comwe, as a community, would exampelled to deal with him. This is exourselves and see if we cannot do actly what the local corporation- is mething to forward our own in- doing. With the exception of the gests. The other day a gentleman light parts of their output, they are could not, by the largest stretch taking from their customers that imagination, be accused of radical- which they have no right to take. brought me in a Legally they do it, but that does not or of the "World" of January 7th, make it right, any more than it does herein is given the judgment of a the Jew who wants the last ounce of ourt of the United States flesh. We have a new Council which the famous long-drawn-out case of meets to-night. There are at least be citizens of New York against the three men on it who have gone out of basolidated Gas Co., together with a their way to commend the stand I w pungent remarks on the same by have taken, and it is to be sincerely friend "Billy" McLean. They hoped that some one of them will omes of On- sake good reading, and I would ad- make it his business to take the matnd vicinity. everyone interested to hunt up a ter in charge, and push it to a conould a mo- and read them. New York has clusion. It is only through the Town 's a realization fighting for 80 cent gas, and the Council that anything definite can be ght to the mpany, secure, as they thought, in done and there is no doubt that the o the plea- monopoly, have been steadily Board of Trade and citizens generally sinsing it, putting forth the plea that will back them up in all they do or

I expect that the Hon. Mr. Beck estigating what the capital consist- will be with us soon, and we ought to of struck an item of \$10,000,000.00 give him a bumper meeting in the t down as "good will," but more Opera House, for it will pay us all, mmonly known as "water". Right- both men and women, to be there easly, we think, the court struck and listen to his able exposition on at item out and laid down the prin- "power" in general, and he will have iple, that whilst all companies own- some facts on the local situation, me public utilities were entitled to a which will prove of interest to every in compensation for the money ac- Lindsay citizen. I am informed by mally invested, they were not entitled one who ought to know, that this interest on "water". There is no Company can give us light at 5 cents bubt this decision will be far-reach- per killowat, and power at \$16.00 per ng-even beyond the confines of the h.p. for all over 10 h.p. and \$20 for S. Whatever we may think of U. all under 10 h.p., and still make good institutions in general, it is freely money on the actual capital. Sevmitted that had he a monoply, the eral years ago in a suit, it was adsecond to none, and any decision they mitted that they were making 16 per cent. on stock and water. Last year To localize—we have a public util- alone, I know of two instances where ty in our midst, owned by private they sold power for \$2500 per year, parties. It is absolutely essential, without a cost of one five cent piece not only to our comfort, but to our extra to operate. Since the above very living, and therefore any unjust suit they have sold yearly \$10,000 marges are not only wrong, but re- yearly worth of power. Truly, it is

JAS. P. DONALD, etter man because he has competi- Lindsay, Jan. 11th, 1909.

The Council's Inaugural; Committee Heads Chosen

MAYOR BEGG SPEAKS OUT FORFRIENDLY RELATIONS AND CLOSE ECONOMY-LOWERING OF THE RATE BETTER THAN NEW FACT ORIES.

FOR YOU. Souncil was held on Monday at 11 against 3, for 6. clock, in the Council chamber. The Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded ds, work- Begg, 1st Dep.-reeve B. L. McLean, reeve Jordan be chairman of Board of and Dep.-reeve W. W. Jordan, and Works.-Carried. ldermen Geo. Calvert, A. C. Babcock, I. J. Lewis and A. Howkins; absent, vert be chairman of Police and Light-

malification and took their seats.

The Mayor Speaks. ment of the chairmen of committees- the respective chairmen and the aid he was pleased to see so many mayor. d faces; he wished to congratulate tasted the same would be true of the of committees should be on the Court Ew Council; they should agree am- of Revision. It is most important." hove better than temporizing. They but it is impracticable." and adhere closely to the policy The motion was carried. economy followed by last year's

as follows: Moved by Dep.-reeve Jordan, sec- Council then adjourned until 7.30 by Ald. Lewis, that Dep.-reeve Lean be chairman of Finance com-

then fold the edges of the form. Fry it for over into an oval form. Fry it for over into an oval form. seconded by Ald. Lewis, that about five minutes, and serve hot.

this north. The inaugural meeting of the 1909 Ald. Kylie be chairman.-Carried-

at our me- members present were Mayor James by Dep-reeve McLean, that Dep-

Moved by Ald. Howkins, seconded I. J. Campbell, R. Kylie, H. Dobson, by Dep-reeve Jordan that Ald. Cal-

Clerk Knowlson read the official In amendment, moved by Ald. Dobstatement of the voting on polling son, seconded by Dep.-reeve Mcby, after which the members sus- Lean, that Ald. Campbell be chairmibed to the declaration of office and man. Lost. Ald. Calvert elected, 5

for, 2 against. Moved by Dep-reeve McLean, se-Mayor Begg, before taking up the conded by Ald. Babcock, that the ist order of business-the appoint- Court of Revision be composed of

Ald. Dobson proposed an amend-I upon their election to so impor- ment to the effect that members havant a position and desired to extend ing seats at the County Council be son. hearty welcome to the new mem- ineligible for the Court of Revision Mrs. The relations of the members for the reason that other members ast year with each other had been should have a share of the good things by pleasant and harmonious, and he Mayor Begg-"I think the chairmen

themselves — there would be Dep.-reeve McLean—"I feel strongthough quarreling among outsiders by that as chairman of Finance, I her town affairs to keep all busy should have a voice in dealing with Taightening things out. He hoped matters coming before the court. My the chairmen of committees would, department is intimately concerned,

men necessary, tell the people plain- and I want to be in a position why their wishes could not be car- know what is being proposed. out in certain cases—it would sympathize with Ald. Dobson's idea,

Ald. Kylie took advantage of the dincil—if the same care could be ex- opportunity to congratulate Mayor record and on his Begg on his past record and on his be reduced materially, and this re-election by acclamation. He bewould be more beneficial than lived he (Kylie) could promise, on behalf of the Council, that they would The Council then proceded with the bury all animosities and labor united pointment of chairmen of committo promote the best interests of the town during the year. (Applause.)

Ham. Omelet-Add to a teaspoonful of flour half a breakfast-cupful loved by Ald. Babcock, that Ald. ful of nour nam a bleast spoonful of milk, 2 eggs, a dessertspoonful The be chairman of Town Property. of grated ham (cooked) and a little pepper and salt. Stir well together Moved by Dep.-reeve Jordan, sec- the flour, milk, eggs, pepper and salt, and then add the ham. Put a little be chairman of Town Property. butter in an omelet pan over the fire, and add the mixture. When the but-Med by Dep.-reeve McLean, sec ter begins to bubble stir it with a by Dep.-reeve McLean, see ter begins to butter thickens, and then fold the edges of the omelet

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

-FINANCIAL CONDITION SHOWN BY TREASURER'S RE-PORT-PRESIDENT DR. WHITE MAKES INTEREST. ING ADDRESS-OFFICERS ELECTED.

was given, and below will be found the full text of the treasurer's report and Agent. Mrs. E. E. Sharpe.

These reports were presented at the annual meting was not very largely anual meeting was not very largely attended. Dr. J A. White, president bers. of the local C. A. S., . occupied the chair. Mrs E. E. Sharpe, secretary, read the minutes, after which the an- of Managers, still the officers and nual report of the treasurer, Mrs. Geo. A. Milne, was read and adopted.

The secretary read a letter from His Honor Judge McMillan, thanking the Society for an invitation to be present and speak, but regretting his inability to do so. Mrs. Sharpe also a faithful and helpful member of our reported that she had received a letter from a former ward of the Society, who was gettting along nicely.

The secretary's anual report was then presented and passed

The address of Dr. White, president, touched on many matters of interest. The year just passed, thought, had been a very successful and devoted services to the children's one. The object of the Society was cause. to surround the children with a petter atmosphere. It was not always necesary to separate parents and chil-

ciety for support given him during the child is being well cared for. the year, and also expresed his apdition of the children

said Dr. White, "is more love and tain respects. less law in dealing with the children"

help along this line were touched on and Kent

children were bad because they were gradually becoming unmanageable. a chance.'

the need for C. A. S. work outlined. fenders

Aid to cure onded by G. H. Wilson, a vote of lily in the county. thanks was tendered Dr. White for Early in the year a young babe and the address

the chair, the old officers were re-el- livelihood. ected, with the addition of Mr. G. H. Wilson as one of the vice-presidents, a farmer near Downeyville has re-Mr. S. J. Fox, M.P.P., was elected cently become of age and will receive honorary president, in place of the from him a small amount of money late Dr. Herriman.

This leaves the officers for 1909, (as the time of placement. published in The Free Press Saturday) as follows.

Hon. Pres .- S. J. Fox, M.P.P. President-Dr. White.

Vice-Presidents-J. Rogers, G. E. Rea, Inspector Knight and G. H. Wil-

Secretary-Mrs .E. E. Sharpe. Treasurer-Mrs. G. A. Milne. Treasurer's Report.

Disbursements. Secretary's salary for year end-Collecting fees, 1907 Board and lodging for children in temporary homes Girls' and boys' clothing Children's boots, including a

boot for girl with deformed foot Stationery, printing, lawyers' fees, etc Travelling expenses in con-Constable's services in connection with children

Affiliation fees local Council of

Balance on hand \$ 47 44 sor in office, Capt. Adamson. Audited and found correct. A. CAMPBELL, Auditor,

In Saturday's issue of The Free Sharpe, giving a review of the work Barke, of Reaboro. Press a brief review of the annual of the Board of Managers and offimeeting of the Children's Aid Society; cials of the Children's Aid Society: Mr. President and Members:-

and of the report of the Secretary following report for the year ending from Victoria County Council. Dec. 31st, 1908.

lar and 2 special meetings held, with quite satisfactory.-Respectfully suban average attendance of nine mem- mitted.

While there has not been a very great amount of work done by your Board many of the members were ever ready to give attention to cases that required our assistance.

Before proceeding further with our

report it is well to pay a tribute of remembrance to one who has been society ever since the date of incorporation, in the fall of 1894. Our Hon- Kiss from my forehead the furrows of orary President and life member, the late Dr. Herriman, who was at our Smooth the few silver threads out of annual meeting last year has passed away from our number, but the work Over my slumber your loving watch that was so dear to him will long he bear testimony of his untiring zeal

A little over a year ago a baby girl was deserted by its young mother, and for a short period the child was dren to acomplish this .a word or a maintained by the Society, but evlittle advice often resulting in much entually its mother returned and re-Dr. White thanked the So- claimed it. Recent reports show that

Early in the year considerable atpreciation for the grant from the tention was given to the case of a ne-County Council. He also said that it | glected child supposed to be mentalwas the intention of the Society to ly defective. The boy was made a wait on the Town Council with a view ward of the Society by order of the to securing a grant from that body magistrate, Mr. Jackson. In Novfor the carrying on of the noble work | ember the child was received into the in caring for and bettering the con- Juvenile Department of the Asylum for Idiots at Orillia.

Continuing his remarks, Dr. White A girl who had come under- the pointed out that public opinion was guardianship of our Society two years changing in regard to the treatment ago, was by order of the Provincial of juveniles and he paid a well-merit- Superintendent, committed during the ed tribute to Judge Lindsay's efforts year to the Alexandra Industrial for betterment. "What we want," School owing to waywardness in cer-

There are at present three boys in The parole system, the Salvation the Victoria Industrial School at Mi-Army prison visitation, the prison mico in whom our Society has deep gate relief work and other forms of interest. They are McLain. Griffith

The first has been a ward of our So-Dr. White contested the belief that ciety for several years, but has been wayward. Many of them were only The Bill re Juvenile Delinquents

bad because of evil surroundings and has received the endorsation of this lack of oportunity. "The boys and Society by the Board, requesting our -Is sur, 'thebissed shi biss "alis cebesentatives at Ottawa to give their ways some good in them. Give them support to the measure when before them. The Bill became law in July The danger from foreign immigra- 1908, and it now remains for municition and from existing political and palities to adopt it and give it trial social conditions was touched on, and in the way of reforming youthful of-

Lack of parental control and watch- During the year three children were fulness was given as a leading cause reported to the Society as inmates of that required the aid of the Children's | the County House of Refuge. The oldest, a child of two years, has been On motion of Inspector Knight, sec- adopted by a highly respectable fam-

its mother were maintained for a With Vice-President J. Rogers in time until the mother could earn her

A boy placed some years ago with (\$40), according to agreement made at

A boy who was made a ward of the Society by the late County Police Magistrate, Mr. John McSweyn, and afterwards committed to the Industrial School at Mimico, has recently been allowed to return to his home at Bobcaygeon on parole.

The two children from near Kinmount who were ordered by County Police Magistrate Moore to be taken Balance on hand \$ 87 30 to the Sick Children's Hospital in To-Receipts from Victoria Co.... 100 00 ronto have both been restored to Receipts from Haliburton Co. 50 00 their parents after successful treat-12 75 ment in the above hospital.

a farmer near town, was returned early in the summer and was by oring October, 1908 \$ 25 00 der of the Provincial Superintendent 10 00 transferred to the Shelter at Peterboro. From there he has been re-64 90 placed in a permanent home and is 24 53 doing well.

14 85 Irondale, suffering from a very ser- in which he is deservedly held by

50 superior officers, but the vacancy on ciprocates.-Fenelon Falls Gazette. - our Board of Management has been Total \$203 62 very acceptably filled by his succes-

The following is the report of the members fees has been done, as there out a good paper and paying good and assist them to the best of his Hudson) for the idea of arranging the secretary and agent, Mrs. E. E. was a substantial amount in the wages.

treasury in the early part of the year, but owing to the apparent need of funds in the near future your Board of Managers have issued a leaflet appealing to the generosity of members and friends of the Society for money will be received at the Dominion Bank, Lindsay.

Parcels of valuable second hand clothing have been received from friends in town, and also from Mrs.

The County Council of Haliburton at its first sesion a year ago granted \$50 to our Society in aid of the work. Your Secretary begs to present the A grant of \$100 was also received

The annual reports of visits to There were during the year 10 regu- wards of our Society are on the whole

ELLEN E. SHARPE,

ROCK ME TO SLEEP.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight, Make me a child again, just for tonight! Mother, come back from the echoless

shore, Take me again to your heart as of

my hair-

Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me to sleep.

Backward, flow backward, O tide of the years! I am so weary of toils and of tears!

Toil without recompense-tears all in Take them and give me my childhood

I have grown weary of dust and de-Weary of flinging my soul-wealth Weary of sowing for others to reap;

Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me Tired of the hollow, the base, the un-

Blossomed and faded-our faces be-

Yet with strong yearning and passion-

Come from the silence so long and so cured a piece of rock somewhere and

Over my heart in days that have

No love like mother-love ever No other worship abides and endures, Faithful, unselfish and patient like

None like a mother can charm away From the sick soul and the worldweary brain;

Slumber's soft calm o'er my heavy Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me

Come, let your brown hair, just light- good out there this year. ed with gold, Fall on your shoulders again as of Sensible Advice Given

Let it fall over my forehead to-night, Shading my faint eyes away from

the light-For with its sunny-edged shadows CANADA'S PROSPECTS HELD OUT Laidley & Newton's old Stand

Haply will throng the sweet visions Lovingly, softly, its bright billows

Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me been long

Since then, and unto my soul it shall ing over the clipping said that he and daughters. It was true that last

Womanhood's tears have been but a Clasped to your arms in a loving em-

With your light lashes just sweeping my face,

Another boy from the vicinity of Never hereafter to wake or to weep-Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me to sleep. -Elizabeth Akers Allen.

> J. H. BRANDON IS POPULAR AT FENELON FALLS. About a year ago the staff of the

North Star Roller Mills presented Mr. In July last a litle girl ten years of John H. Brandon with a fine gold-

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to carry on the work. Contributions to benefit by some of the thousands of bargains we are offering to housekeepers. We have enjoyed a great Christmas trade, but as we are constantly receiving New goods, the stock is always fresh and bristling with money-saving chances.

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Doorstep Not a Relic But an old Grindstone

EXPLANATION OF A MINDEN MYSTERY BY AN OLD ANSON BOY.

(Minden Echo.) Away out in "Sunny Alberta" Mr. and also Because we know it will be George Smith, formerly of Anson, is interested in an item which appeared in these columns and makes the your custom. You can't possibly do following explanation: "It amused me very much to read about the mysterious stepping stone of Mr. F. Wilson's, that is supposed to have that you get precisely what you or-Mother, O mother, my heart calls for been made and used by the Indians long ago. Now, I happen to know a Many a summer the grass has grown little about the history of this stone. I think ,nearly fifty years ago, when Minden was young, grindstones were both scarce and dear. Old Mr. Mc-Cracken, who lived south of Minden, was in need of a grindstone, and be-Long I to-night for your presence ing a stone cutter, though he wuold make one for himself. So he promade a grindstone, but when he had Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me it finished, found it too hard and not gritty enough, so alid it aside. I saw Mr. Wilson's stepping stone at least ten years ago and he told me he found it, so I expect it is old Mr. McCracken's grindstone instead of the Indians. Please tell Mr. Wilson that I don't think he need be afraid of the Indians coming for their grindstone. groceries cheaper than anyone else in He might be afraid on account of the the trade, but we do claim that every piece in The Echo, read in all quar- article handled by us has the stampters of the globe ,some Indians would of quality, and is the best of its kind be sure to hear it, so I thought it my procurable.

duty to let him know all about it." We are pleased to hear that Mr. Smith is prospering in his new home family as well as the monthly savin the West and that the crops were ing. Place a trial order with us and

Prospective Emigrants Graham Bros.

PROPERLY-LAZY PEOPLE NO GOOD HERE.

only been in this country a few years himself, has handed the following to Mother, dear mother, the years have The Free Press. The clipping is from an old country paper, and the opening | would be for them, as there would be Since I last hushed to your lullaby paragraphs are both sensible and employment at remunerative wages timely. The business man, in hand- for themselves and their growing sons himself had no fault to find with the year, owing to the financial crisis in country. There was opportunity here the U.S.A., there was a scarcity of for men who would work and strive, employment in Canada, due to the imthough those who were too lazy or too migration of workmen from the U.S. shiftless to exert themselves could not | A., but in a country so vast and that hope to succeed here any more than must have a great population, prosany place else. The extract from the perity was bound to return, and it English paper refers to a lecture on would be as good a field for emigrants Canada under the auspices of the as ever it has been. In the west of Chestnut Auburn District Council and | Canada there was a great need of marreads in part as follows:

length with the question of emigra- to share their life with them. tion. People who were born tired and Proceedin, the lecturer dealt with had never got rested, he said, should the conditions of the country, illusage, who came from the vicinity of headed cane as a token of the esteem not emigrate to Canada, where suc- trating his remarks by numerous lancess meant hard work. Emigrants tern views, shown from a lantern maious illness, was received into the R. them. This Christmas, as a further should be optimists, and should take nipulated by Mr. Burgess. 21 14 M. Hospital and treated there while mark of their regard, Mr. Brandon a favorable view of Canada, which At the close, Mr. C. D. Rutherford, arrangements were being made for her was presented with an exceptionally would commend them to the Canadi- J.P., C.C., voiced the thanks of the removal to the Sick Children's Hos- handsome Meerschaum pipe, which ans, who were proud of their country. audience, which he said, he did with dren and agent's time ... 23 45 pital, Toronto. The receiving of the Gazette had the privilege of look- People doing well in England should the greatest pleasure, as he had what this frail little creature into the Hos- ing at the other day. The pipe is a not emigrate to Canada, as for such might at least be called a carpet-bag 13 75 pital at the time was an act of genu- "dandy," and is highly appreciated there was no better country than Eng- acquaintance with the North Ameriine charity and is deserving of high by the recipient, not only for its beau- land. But young men of energy and can continent, having travelled three ty and the prospective smokes he will determination, who saw no prospect of times between Vancouver and Mont-Cleaning children 1 50 A valuable member, Ensign Calvert, enjoy, but as an evidence of the kind- success in England, would do well to real. The lecture had been particu-Photographs of children, etc. 1.50 of the Salvation Army, was removed by feelings of the mill staff, which, it emigrate to Canada, where they would larly refreshing to his mind, and must prepared to work, and take the first | The audience endorsed these rejob that offered itself. Such persons marks with acclamation. he (the lecturer) was always willing The proceedings were terminated KATE C. MILNE, Treas. Applications for the larger children 30 persons employed in the printing to help, and if any present should with a vote of thanks to Mr. Noble for are very numerous, but can seldom business in Lindsay - to-day there wish to communicate with him they presiding, voiced by Mr. A. Goulding. are over 45. The Free Press is help- might ask the libraran for his address | The chairman, replying, said thanks

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large families, who could not get on A business man of Lindsay, who has in this country, would do well to go to Canada, where they would find that the larger the family the better it riageable women, as, owing to the "Dr. Robbins prefaced his remarks, scarcity of women, many men in good on "Canada" by dealing at some positions were unable to find wives

During the past year no collecting of ing to build up the town by turning and write to him. He would advise were chiefly due the librarian (Mr.

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