

TOWN TOPICS

June is living up to her reputation. Pym's hotel is being improved by having the front painted. The town Council is having York-st. and other side streets gravelled and rolled. The R. Neil Shoe Store has improved on the store by having the front painted. The bark men up north say there is going to be a glut in that commodity this season. East Victoria Farmers' Institute will meet in Dickson's hall, Fenelon Falls, on June 18th. Mr. Duck, Glenelg-st., is having his verandah painted to add to the appearance of his house. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, the well-known evangelists, are conducting a revival in Cannington. One of the ironies of fate is to see a bunch of artificial cherries sewed on the same hat with a real bird. It won't be long now before the city kids will be making life miserable for the hired help on the farm. Mr. A. L. Campbell, has had a new awning set up by the Turner Co., of Peterboro for the coming season. Mr. J. G. Edwards is adding to the appearance of his store, having the front painted and new awnings set up. Mr. Waler, manager of the Sylvester Works, is adding to the appearance of his house by having the verandah painted. Have you chosen a candidate for the Free Press Montreal-Montreal free vacation trip? Get busy and make a nomination—the young lady you favor may win out. The Port Hope Times, the leading Tory organ in Durham County, has been purchased by Mr. Wm. Grant, late of the Ottawa Citizen, a live newspaper man. Messrs. Wm. Payne and John Ross, of Oshawa, have patented an improved hydrant, which is guaranteed to be unbreakable. A Toronto company is manufacturing them. A rumor is current in Toronto that the C.P.R. Co. have bought the Bessie house, and will erect on the site a new hotel equal to the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, and the Plaza Hotel, Montreal. Wheat in Saskatchewan is from 12 to 18 inches high, while Alberta boasts of an altitude of two feet. This is not in it with the growth of public confidence all over the West, which suggests Jack's famous bean stalk. A break occurred lately in the wheat cleaning department of Mr. J. H. Brandon's mill at Fenelon Falls. Head miller A. E. McIntyre came to town and had the necessary repairs made at the Madison-Williams works. Mr. W. H. Simpson's smart little steam yacht, Mary, has been purchased by Mr. Thos. Robson of Fenelon Falls. The yacht was taken away under steam Monday by her new owner, who is delighted with his bargain. The Str. Esturion, Capt. Johnson in command, with the veteran Tom Marshall at the throttle, arrived in town Monday morning, having replaced the Manitoba. The latter boat went on the Bobcaygeon-Burleigh route. Mr. J. A. Anderson, of Anderson, Nugent & Co., has purchased the Geo. McFadden property on Peel-st., the price being \$2,400. At this figure the residence is a real bargain, and Mr. Anderson has already received offers to part with it at an enhanced figure. Minden Echo: During the past few days the Gull River Co's drive, under the management of G. W. Stevens and foreman Frank Gartschore, has been passing through Minden. They will reach Cobocenk at a much earlier date than that of last year. Herr Johannsen, of Copenhagen, Denmark, head of a big fish dealing firm, thinks Canada should develop an ice industry. Evidently he has not heard of the doings on Sturgeon Lake along that line every season. Fishery Overseer Bradshaw should send him some details. Conductor Chas. Mitchell, of the G.T.R., has retired from the service, after spending 37 years with the G.T.R., and will enjoy a substantial pension. Monday evening he was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain by the brethren of Toronto Division No. 17, O. R. C. Anyone needing Plow Points should leave the number, name and address with J. Dennis, Pumpmaker, Russell-st., Lindsay (next to Creamery), who will furnish points for any make of plough at 25c. each. Pumps and Windmills on hand.—w3.— The Canadian Naval League offers a prize for the best essay on the question, "Shall Canada have a navy of her own?" Here's a chance for some of the owners of Scugog ironclads to justify their forethought and ripe patriotism. And hasn't Lindsay organized a gun club? Some people refuse to profit by the experience of others. Time and time again burglars have invaded newspaper offices without realizing sufficient to buy a drink, yet the old game was played again the other evening, the office of the Ontario newspaper, Belleville, being ransacked. Half-a-dozen coppers rewarded the thieves.

FIRST LIST OF NOMINATIONS EVERY DISTRICT REPRESENTED

NOMINATIONS WILL STILL BE RECEIVED, SO YOU MAY ENTER OR NOMINATE ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS.

That is what the City of Ottawa is. She is a new steamer, having made her first trip last year. About her everything is modern and up-to-date, just the thing for a jolly excursion party from the banner county. The Free Press has secured for its party one of the finest steamers on the lakes. THE BATTLE BEGINS. Well, the battle for ballots has begun. Just a parting word or two. To candidates: Be sure you clip your ballots every day, and see that they are brought or sent to The Free Press before the time limit expires. From now on the result will be watched with keen and increasing interest by the general public. The battle is on, with a fair field and no favor. LIST OF NOMINATIONS. The following are the young ladies so far nominated in proper form in the several districts: District No. 1.—Comprising all of that portion of the Town of Lindsay lying north of Kent-st.: MISS MINNIE CAIN, (B. J. Gough's) MISS BESSIE GOODWIN, Cambridge-st. MISS MAY GOODWIN, Cambridge-st. MISS ETHEL SMITH, (McDiarmid & Weeks) MISS VIOLET BARRY, Kent-st. District No. 2.—Comprising all that portion of the town of Lindsay lying south of Kent-st.: MISS ETHEL ADAMS, Cambridge-st. MISS MABEL BURKE, (Felix Forbert's) MISS MURIEL FLOOD, Russell-st. MISS KATE TANGNEY, Kent-st. District No. 3.—Comprising the townships of Fenelon and Verulam, and the villages of Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon: MISS LILY BROOKS, Fenelon Falls; MISS EDITH JARRETT, Fenelon Falls; MISS VIOLA MCINTOSH, Rosedale; MISS GRETA SMITH, Fenelon Falls. District No. 4.—Comprising the townships of Mariposa, Eldon, Ops, Emily, Cartwright and Manvers, and the villages of Woodville and Omamec: MISS LUCY McGEUGH, Omamec; MISS SALLY CAMPBELL, Woodville; MISS V. TIER, Manvers; MISS M. HOBBS, Manvers. District No. 5.—Comprising the townships of Somerville, Bexley, Carden, Dalton, Laxton, Digby, Longford and Haliburton County: MISS BLANCHE HUNTER, Gooderham. FRIENDS WILL HELP YOU. You can rely upon it that every friend you have will help you. Some will do it without asking. Others will do it just for the asking. Anyway, you can count on them. You can count on every friend you have within reach of The Free Press. You should bear in mind that you are at perfect liberty to secure votes anywhere, irrespective of the district in which you are running; that you can ask and have the votes of your friends, whether they reside in Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Mariposa, Ops, or the Klondike for that matter. Though the candidates are limited to the counties of Victoria and Haliburton, every Free Press subscriber, no matter where he is, is a voter, and every ballot published in The Free Press counts for one vote. TO READERS. Every ballot counts, and every ballot should be polled and polled at the earliest possible moment. Save your ballots and use them to help your friends. And if you have a friend who is not in the list, but who you think should be in the list, see to it that she comes out. GET SUBSCRIBERS ANYWHERE. This question has come in frequently since the contest started: "Can candidates solicit subscriptions anywhere?" In answer we will say, yes, get them anywhere, not only in your own district, but in all others. This plan is equally fair to all contestants, where it is fully understood by all. To restrict a candidate to soliciting subscriptions in her own district only, would work a grave injustice if she happened to reside in a less thickly populated, outlying district. Get them outside of the county also. In Quebec, the Old Country, United States, anywhere. Many former Lindsay and Victoria county residents, living in various parts of the United States, can be induced to subscribe for the paper at the solicitation of a friend who is a candidate. In the week that has elapsed since the initial announcement was made the interest shown has been most gratifying. The first few days results were as great as had been looked for a fortnight after the plan had been inaugurated. Because of this it does not seem necessary to add that The Free Press fully appreciates the happy and instantaneous response on the part of its readers to co-operate with them in giving the several young ladies who may be selected such a

A SPLENDID START MADE AND A GOOD LIST OF NOMINATIONS IN THE FREE PRESS MONTREAL-DETROIT TRIP POPULAR LADY CONTEST

Every district is already represented, and balloting has commenced. The greatest enthusiasm is being manifested in this magnificent trip offered by The Free Press to the ladies of Victoria and Haliburton counties. Just think of it! Two full weeks of travel and sight-seeing

FREE OF COST!

Read the conditions how to become a member of this select party and then fill out the nomination blank found in each issue of The Free Press and mail to this office. Don't delay, an early start means everything to the candidate. In order to meet the wishes of a great many people the age limit has been reduced to 16 years.

The Contest Will Close August 15th

and the trip commenced August 29th. The fine palatial Steamer, "City of Ottawa," of the Merchant's Montreal line will convey the party from Toronto through the Thousand Islands to Montreal and return by way of Toronto to Detroit. On the return journey from Detroit a stop will be made at Toledo, Niagara Falls and all places of interest.

NO BETTER 2 WEEKS' TRIP COULD BE PLANNED

READ THE CONDITIONS

Every candidate must be nominated by blank printed in any issue of The Free Press. There are no restrictions as to the number of candidates in each district. The more the merrier, married or single. Only ladies over sixteen years of age are eligible. Nominations may be signed by parents or friends. This is insisted upon so that The Free Press can trace up each nomination. The districts simply represent the residence of the candidates. A lady residing in Lindsay, anywhere north of Kent-st., will be a nominee for the first district; a lady residing in Lindsay south of Kent-st. will be a nominee for the second district, and so on according to the list given in another column. No candidate will be permitted to transfer votes to another contestant after the entries are made at The Free Press office. The right is reserved to withdraw the offer from any district where only one candidate is nominated or voted for. Of course it is advisable to nominate a candidate early, so that her friends can start collecting ballots for her and help her in the campaign. A coupon will be printed in The Free Press each day, and will also appear each week in the Weekly Free Press. Each coupon will count one vote, whether clipped from the daily or weekly Free Press. There will be special ballots issued to subscribers who pay in advance. The subscriber must turn the ballot until the time limit marked thereon and turn it over to his or her favorite in the race. Either the candidate or the subscribers must turn the ballot into the circulation department of The Free Press before the expiration of the time limit, otherwise the ballot will not count. This is done to avoid extra clerical work in the last week of the campaign. These special ballots cannot be replaced if lost. The best plan is to immediately turn them over to The Free Press when the subscription is paid, writing on the ballot the name of the candidate to be favored. Candidates themselves will probably solicit subscriptions and make collections in advance. This may be done for either old or new subscribers. The candidates will be provided with temporary receipts to give subscribers, who will receive official receipts when the money is turned over to The Free Press. Rural subscribers and candidates are requested to make remittances by postal note or money order. Subscribers to The Daily Free Press will receive the paper by carrier in Lindsay, or through the post office if preferred. Rural subscribers to either the daily or weekly receive the paper through the mail. The special ballots for paid-up subscriptions will be credited as follows: Two years' subscription to daily Free Press, \$5.00, counts for 2,500 votes; one year, \$2.50, counts for 1,000 votes; six months' subscription, \$1.25, 400 votes; three months' subscription, 75c., for 150 votes. One year's subscription to Weekly Free Press, \$1.00, counts for 400 votes. No subscription for more than two years in advance is accepted for The Daily Free Press, nor for more than five years for the Weekly Free Press. If subscription is intended for the United States, 50c. extra must be added to each weekly subscription to cover extra cost of postage, but the ballots will count the same as Canadian subscriptions. A limit placed on the paid in advance subscriptions in order to bar a candidate from receiving aid from wealthy friends during the last stages of the contest. To make the contest fair and above board, no nomination will be accepted for any relative of any member of The Free Press staff. The Free Press reserves the right to reject any nomination. Subject to the approval of The Free Press, any successful candidate has the right to name a substitute, if she is, through illness, or any other valid reason, unable to go on the trip herself, such substitute must be named five days before the party leaves Lindsay. The Free Press desires to be perfectly fair in this contest, and all candidates accepting nomination must agree to abide by the terms herewith set forth. The contest will close at 9 o'clock Saturday, August 8th, and no ballots whatever will be accepted after that date.

THE LINDSAY FREE PRESS COMPANY

Grand Union Hotel Vastly Improved NOW ONE OF THE BEST IN TOWN, AND ENJOYING A SELECT TRADE. Situated on the south side of Kent-st., directly opposite the market building, stands the Grand Union hotel, one of the best and most up-to-date hotels in the town of Lindsay. The proprietors cater largely to the farming class, and since the hotel was taken over by Manning Bros. in the month of November last, it has earned the name of the Farmers' Hotel. The man or woman who comes into the town to purchase or to sell the products of the farm, finds everything homelike and comfortable. The sitting rooms are large and airy, and the bedrooms are well furnished. The dining room has been enlarged considerably so as to meet the increasing demands, and it is now one of the largest in the town. The hotel has just been repapered, and new furniture has been placed throughout the entire house. The bedrooms have been newly carpeted, and a pretty design of linoleum oilcloth has been laid on the floors of the sitting rooms and corridors. The bar has been changed around so as to allow for the enlarging of the dining room. The Grand Union hotel has a select trade, and is a first-class hotel in every particular. Mr. G. E. Manning, one of the proprietors, has had a wide experience in the business, having been proprietor of one of the largest hotels in Ontario, and of a large summer resort in California. SECURED GOOD CONTRACT Messrs. McCoy & Wilford, contractors, of this town, who last year completed a section of the C. P. R. Toronto-Sudbury line, and are at present building a power dam at Bobcaygeon, have just been awarded another big plum in the form of a contract to construct 30 miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific track in New Brunswick. Work on this section will be pushed by Mr. McCoy, Mr. Wilford remaining here to superintend the work at Bobcaygeon.