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The Free Press

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1908.

THAT IS GRATITUDE!

The Warde found a rumor to the effect that part of the stock of The Free Press Company had been sold. That's enterprise for you! The Warde used its valuable space to cunningly contradict the alleged story. That's kindness, for you!

STANDING OF THE FREE PRESS.

It is the fate of live, up-to-date, energetic and enterprising newspapers to run up against a libel suit once in a while—that is provided, of course, that there is money behind the newspaper. The Free Press fulfills all the requirements specified and so has the bad luck, or the good advertising, to have at present two libel suits to an answer for. Both are in connection with statements made in these columns relative to bothouses at Fenelon Falls.

COL. HUGHES AND THE FREE PRESS.

The Daily Warde has gone to the trouble of contradicting a rumor to the effect that Col. Hughes had purchased a part or all of the stock of The Free Press Company. The now-contradicted rumor has been quietly discussed in certain quarters for the past few days. The Free Press did not think it worth while contradicting the story for two special reasons. First, it was taken for granted that readers of the Free Press would not credit any supposed changes in the ownership of this paper unless such changes were noted in these columns, as they assuredly would be, if true.

LAND TITLES IN DYARSAT.

The Free Press is pleased to see that the Minden Echo has taken up the question of the unusual conditions on which land titles are granted to residents of Dyarsat township, Haliburton county. Being close to the ground and acquainted with the facts of the case, The Echo is well qualified to throw full light on this important matter. From the article reproduced in this issue of The Free Press, it will be seen that The Echo has commenced to give the question full publicity, and such publicity is almost certain to result in such changes as will ultimately ensure settlers in Dyarsat the full rights and privileges they are entitled to in this regard.

Reference has already been made in these columns to the peculiar form of land titles used in Dyarsat township, and The Free Press intends to continue to do its part in the publicity campaign about the matter, believing that a knowledge of the conditions will be certain to bring about the righting of any wrongs that may exist.

ALD. McGOUGH AND THE NEW TOWN PARK.

At the meeting of the Committees of Council last week, Ald. McGeough showed his stand in a decided way in regard to the securing of a new park by the waterside. Ald. McGeough expressed himself as heartily in favor of such a park, and further put forth the opinion that he believed the people in general would support the new park idea.

If the people desire a new park then there is no reason why they should not have their wish. The added beauty of the town, the additional attraction given to the municipality by a modern park in a central location, and the enjoyment of such a resort, would more than counter-balance the cost.

The cost seems in reality to be the chief objection to the project. In this connection it may properly be suggested that some months ago there was another agitation for a park in a location out of reach of the average citizen. Then the question of cost did not loom so large. It was expected then that the money in the hands of the Home for the Aged Society would be donated to help purchase the new park. If such a request could be made with any probability of success to the Home for the Aged Society to purchase a property that only a small proportion of citizens could ever hope to see, let alone use daily, should not a request to the same source for assistance be assured of success in the new case where the property is accessible to all, and capable of being made into a riverside park that will be beautiful for situation and attractive in its natural beauty?

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

Lindsay was honored by the presence of the Sheffield Choir Thursday, and the citizens of town and country appreciate the fact. Many larger towns and cities in Canada have been unable to secure a visit from this magnificent choral organization. To the enterprising citizens who were responsible for the bringing here of the Sheffield Choir proper appreciation is felt.

Yet it was not alone the honor felt to be conferred that caused the assembling of the monster audience yesterday. Nor was the large attendance due altogether to the desire to hear the world's best music. This latter desire of course was strong, as was evidenced by the fact that the big audience sat in discomfort, and with many minor inconveniences throughout the whole entertainment.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR

D. Cameron MacCallum, the young Toronto ban clegg who appropriated to his own use over \$16,000 of funds belonging to the Farmers' Bank, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the Kingston penitentiary for his crime. The sentence seems to be a just one, and if there has been any leaning on the part of justice it has been towards leniency, not harshness.

This young man had ability; he had bright prospects and life before him; he had enjoyed all the advantages that come from good education, pleasant social relations and an excellent position. On account of these things sympathy may go out to him, because his present condition will be so much harder to bear because of what he had enjoyed before. Certainly he is to be deprived of liberty, of the opportunity to advance and improve,

to be cut off from life in its spring-time, and to re-enter that life with the handicap which his record now will mean—this certainly is enough to call for the sympathy of all who feel for the erring.

Yet, the very fact that the young man had special opportunities and special blessings, and because he occupied a position of responsibility, made it all the more imperative that he be true to his training and his advantages and faithful to the trust that responsibility imposes.

It is a time-worn saying, that honesty is the best policy, but ages have not worn the truth out of this adage. There is nothing that pays like honesty and integrity. They pay in the cash returns in the long run, and they pay in the comfort to conscience, the joy of living, and the freedom their usage ever gives.

A MOST IMPORTANT MATTER FOR LINDSAY.

As one of the most important matters that lie ready to hand for the Board of Trade to take up and deal with, The Free Press on Saturday last referred to the possibility of having Lindsay chosen as one of the divisional points on the C.P.R. when that railway constructs its new line from Victoria Harbor.

The question is one of most direct interest to Lindsay from many standpoints, and the attention of the Board of Trade was directed in this direction many months ago. Although the Board have had the matter before them for eighteen months or more, Lindsay seems no nearer to securing even a promise of being chosen as the divisional point.

The advantages to the town in being a C.P.R. divisional point will be apparent on even a casual consideration. It would mean an increase of traffic for this point, an increase of money left in town, and an increase of visitors to Lindsay. Then the additional staff required for a divisional point, for the offices, the yards and the road, would mean an increase in citizens, and this increase would include that class of railway employees who are so well and so justly known for respectability, honesty and general good citizenship.

To make the matter still more interesting, the post office inspector steps into the breach and instructs the people of the district that if they mail letters at Chelsea they "must" buy their stamps at that office.

The whole affair will have reached its climax of interest when it is shown how the inspector will force his demand on a free people, or when the people of Chelsea make it clear how they view that word "must" as applied in such a case to a free-born people living in a free country.

BURY'S GREEN.

Nov. 17th.—Winter has once again put in its appearance and several sleighs and cutters have been out during the last few days.

Our local hunters have all returned with their usual number of deer. The shooting match held a t Mr. Campbell's on Monday last for ducks was a decided success despite the very unfavorable weather. Some 35 birds were shot off and some first-class shooting was done. We understand another will be held in the vicinity in the near future.

Mr. Geo. Armstrong has just finished the largest season's threshing ever done in this district. Mr. A. has a first-class traction outfit and is to be congratulated on the excellent work done by him and his stalwart harvest men during the season.

Mr. Chas. Poole had a very successful plowing bee on Saturday last. Miss Graham, of Lindsay, has been teaching our school here while her brother Mr. Nelson Graham, has been enjoying the hunting season in the woods.

Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit of St. John's church on Sunday last and delivered an excellent sermon. Miss Jennie and Master Marshall Southam has been confined to house of late with a very severe attack of cold, but at present are on the mend.

THE PATRONAGE LIST.

As another consequence of the disclosures of the Marine Enquiry now in session at Quebec, Hon. Mr. Brodeur has issued an order to the effect that all "patronage lists" must be suppressed, and that all purchases made by the department must be conducted in the open market and free to all competition by any merchants, who desire the trade.

It is to be hoped that this decision will be abided by religiously throughout the whole dealings of this department. Not only would such a plan result in the saving of many hundreds of dollars to the treasury, but it would also conduce to a better service in material and supplies for the department. If this plank of reform in the Department of Marine could be used as the thin wedge to introduce this principle in every de-

partment of public affairs then the Marine enquiry would be indeed worth all it cost, and the people would not grudge the money wasted in this one department, according to the evidence.

The "patronage list" is a curse, not only to the country, but also to the party that happens to be in power. The growth of the "patronage list" always results in the dissipation of public money, and in poor service, and the party in power often owes its ultimate defeat to this evil combination.

Members of the ruling party, who love graft and rake-off more than they love their country or their party, are responsible for this "patronage list," which is simply a roll of names of those from whom purchases for the departments are to be made without real competition. The inference is apparent, and, alas, too true: It simply means that only alleged party friends can have their names on the "patronage list," and the prices they will ask for supplies will, as a rule, be only limited by the limit of cupidity and greed.

Both parties have suffered from the evil "patronage list." As a business proposition there is no excuse for its existence, and the country has been the loser from its presence. It is sincerely to be hoped that both parties will unite to stamp out this evil in every form in every department of public affairs, now that a start has been made.

It is not too much to ask that the business of this country be conducted on business principles, and as the honest members of both parties have their own self-interest to advance by a strong stand on this subject, it is to be trusted that the good members of both parties will unite to swamp out this iniquity before it assumes large proportions.

AN INTERESTING SITUATION.

The situation at Chelsea is a most interesting one, and the ultimate outcome will be a matter of more than passing interest. The postmaster at Chelsea has allowed himself to fall into the bad graces of the people in general, and the latter have instituted a rather unusual form of boycott. The Chelsea people refuse to buy the stamps they use at the local office, but securing these from a neighboring town, they post all their letters at the Chelsea office. As the smaller post offices depend very largely on the sale of stamps for revenue, the matter is a serious one to the Chelsea office.

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Breeders' Horse Show Jan. 13th 14th 15th

UNION STOCK YARDS, WEST TORONTO, THE SPOT—SHOW RING LIGHTED AND HEATED.

The next Horse Show, under the auspices of the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association, will be held at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, (Toronto Junction), on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1909.

During the time of the show a good street car service will be given from the City of Toronto to the Union Stock Yards. The building in which the Show will be held will be specially fitted with a show ring and will be well lighted and heated. All the horses on exhibition will be stable at the stock yards and every opportunity will be given visitors to view the exhibits. Both the C.P.R. and the G.T.R. have sidings in the yards and there is every convenience for the easy loading and unloading of horses.

The different classes of the show, with the prize money offered for each are as follows: Clydesdales, \$20; Canadian bred Clydesdales and Shires, \$40; Shires, \$30; Hackneys, \$20; Standard breds, \$25; Thoroughbreds, \$25; Ponies, \$15; Heavy Draft Horses, \$30; Championships, \$25; total prize money, \$3215.

The judges of heavy horses will be Hon. Robert Beith, Bowmanville; Jas. Torrance, Markham; Job White, Ashburn, with A. McLaren, Chicago, as reserve judge. The judges for Hackneys will be, Dr. Campbell, Berlin; W. H. Gibson, Beaconsfield, Que.; B. Bothwell, Ottawa; with L. Meredith, London, as reserve judge.

The list of prizes offered is practically the same as the last show. Copies may be procured on application to the secretary, Ontario Horse Breeders' Exhibition, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

ROSDALE.

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Alfalfa Benefits Soil Makes Good Feed

MAIN ESSENTIALS FOR THIS CROP—POPULARITY OF ALFALFA INCREASING.

Alfalfa is yearly becoming more widely distributed on Canadian farms. Its benefit to the soil and its high place among the feeds provided for live stock demand that it should be much more widely grown. Some may have tried it and been unsuccessful, but if every farmer would discuss the question with a neighbor who has had encouraging results, or study the methods as outlined in bulletins and articles, efforts directed along the lines advised should prove generally successful in 1909.

The main essentials are a well-drained, thoroughly-prepared soil, with abundance of lime and the mineral elements of fertility, clean seed of strong vitality, and careful treatment of the first season. A mellow, well-pulverized seed-bed is required for all such crops, so that the comparatively small seeds may be closely surrounded by soil particles. If strong seed is put into such soil at any time during spring or early summer, while there is a supply of moisture sufficient to cause the seed to germinate and to give the young plants a good start so that the deep-going roots have stretched to such depth that they derive nourishment from the deeper soil, nothing but the severest winter and early spring weather will result in failure. Prepare at least a small area this fall, preferably corn or root ground that was well enriched for the present season's crop, work up and pulverize next spring, and sow it at convenient season. Clip it in the summer when it is fit, but leave the growth of late summer and fall to serve as a surface protection and to hold the snow, and the result will, doubtless, in most cases, be such as to induce the sowing of an increased area the following season.—Farmers' Advocate.

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A BIG BUCK AND A BIGGER BEAR BROUGHT BACK.

Among the many successful deer hunting expeditions to the back woods is that of Mr. Copp, foreman of Horn's Woolen Mills, who for the past ten days has been scouting about in the tall pines near Kinnmount. Up until a few days ago he did not come in contact with any game at all, but before giving up late last week, after spending a few hours in the woods, he brought to the ground a fine species of the black bear. Again the following morning luck came across his path and he again brought to the ground a fine large buck.

Early on Monday Mr. Copp turned his footsteps towards home, arriving in on the 8.45 train with his two fine animals, which drew much attention at the depot.

CLEVER STORIES.

In the Family Herald and Weekly Star this week, there begins a series of short stories entitled "The Old Home House" which are very clever. A complete story appears in each week's paper. There are eleven in all. Every paragraph means roars of laughter and enjoyment. The Family Herald and Weekly Star certainly gives big value for one dollar in a whole year's reading of that great paper. It is said the Family Herald and Weekly Star rarely loses a subscriber, and old subscribers this season are renewing months ahead so as not to miss a single paper. The Family Herald and Weekly Star becomes more valuable every year, and it should find a place in every Canadian home.

WESTERN PEAT BEDS.

Winnipeg, Nov. 12th.—The peat in large quantities will eventually be used as fuel in western Ontario, as in the eastern parts of the Dominion, was the opinion expressed by J. A. Macoun, expert of the geological survey. Mr. Macoun has just returned with his assistant, A. Simmerman, from a trip over the line of the Canadian, Northern from Edmonton to the Pass. In the course of the trip a number of great peat beds were carefully examined, and samples will be scientifically examined in the laboratory at Ottawa, where all the facilities for testing have been provided by the government. Information will be distributed as widely as possible, with the expectation that private capitalists will develop a supply of this fuel.

Money in Hens The Verdict of Many

SOME EXPERIENCES GIVEN TO PROVE THE POINT THUS CLAIMED.

A number of farmers' wives have been giving Prof. Graham, of the O.C. their experience in the money-making power of hens, and he passed along the good words as follows:

A lady near St. Catharines reports that she raised and sold over two tons of dressed poultry last season. She kept White Wyandottes, got plenty of eggs in winter, had good hatches and raised a good percentage. She also reported a hatch of 210 ducklings from 212 eggs. She used molasses freely. I understand her to say her profit last year was better than \$700—that's not too bad, is it?

Another lady from Halton reports that 50 barred Rock pullets laid enough eggs since commencing laying—which was some time in November—to sell 400 dozen at an average price of nearly 25 cents a dozen. This means an average egg production of nearly 100 eggs each, enough to pay the entire feed bill for the year, and leave a profit now of a dollar a hen, to say nothing of the balance of the season.

A gentleman from Halton county reports practically the same results from 55 barred Rock pullets. His average price of eggs sold was nearly 25 cents a dozen.

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BILL NYE ENDURANCE LIFE INSURANCE.

The late Bill Nye's endorsement of life insurance, as follows, contains plenty of good, hard sense. "In these days of dynamite and swift changing presidential administrations, and dark tunnels through which an engineer goes groping his way at 25 miles an hour; these days of tumbling signs of the times and tipsy telegraph poles and live wires, and dead reptiles, these days when the politician and the deadly policeman with his pull down together (under the influence of the same stimulant); these days when death lurks in the air we breathe, the earth we tread, the food we eat, the water—the water we bathe in—I say it behooves us to look well to our insurance and our future estate, and I take pleasure in certifying and saying to whom these principles may come, that since I became fully insured my health has improved so much that it is a subject for profound congratulation on my own part, and the deepest disgust on the part of those who would naturally inhibit my vast wealth."

PETERBORO FAIR SEEMS SLOW PAY.

Peterboro Review: Dr. Cowan of Lindsay, Gerald Dunford, of Toronto, and Dr. Leach, of Peterborough, the first and last mentioned owners respectively of Hary K. and Holland B., and the other manager of Hazel Bell, are apparently determined to get the money which they claim is due them as winnings at the races held at the Peterborough Fair last fall, and which was paid to Hodgkins, of Orillia, the owner of Walter G., the horse that was complained of as being crooked, and its owner neglected to prove its identity. Fines were placed against the owner, driver and horse.

The Fair Association paid over the money to the owner of Walter G., which those mentioned above now claim as their own on account of the protest being lodged against the horse that was complained of as being crooked, and its owner neglected to prove its identity. Fines were placed against the owner, driver and horse. The amounts claimed for the different horses are as follows: For Hazel Belle \$50. For Harry K. \$30. For Holland Boy \$20.

MARRIAGES.

MANING—McFADDEN.—At Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Nov. 9th, by Rev. John E. Vassar, pastor of First Baptist church, Mr. George E. Maning and Miss Catharine E. McFadden.