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The Free Press

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A WORTHY CITIZEN.

There is much matter for general congratulation in the selection of Mr. J. R. McNeillie as president of the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction. The Conference is to be congratulated on choosing a man whose high intelligence, large ideals, wide sympathies and strong and purposeful sense of duty will ensure for the organization a capable presiding officer and a leader who in season and out of season will see that the aims and objects of the Conference are rightly advanced. The County of Victoria is more than proud of its clerk and treasurer. Mr. McNeillie holds high place not only in the admiration, but in the hearts of the people of this county. This place he has won for himself by his large measure of culture, his constant intelligent application to his duties as a citizen, and by his unflinching courtesy to all. The sympathies of Mr. McNeillie are wide, and his sympathies are fairly matched by his general grasp of public questions. He is in the forefront of every local movement for the relief of the sick, the suffering, the helpless, and those who have gone astray. There is no doubt that in his new position he will give such efficient and helpful service as will make him as deeply respected and as highly esteemed in a larger circle as he is undoubtedly now in the Town of Lindsay and the County of Victoria.

A BROKEN REED.

During a discussion some months ago in the House of Commons, one of the Cabinet Ministers, expressed the opinion that Canada needed no army for defence, because the United States would prevent invasion of this country in its upholding of the Munro doctrine. At the time this claim was made, objection was raised by patriotic Canadians to the inference that we should throw ourselves on the protection of our southern neighbors. Canadians are an independent people, and the suggestion was resented that we should force ourselves by negligence and parsimony to depend on any strength but our own, or the power of the Empire to which we pay due deference and due loyalty though not due tribute. It remains, however, for President Roosevelt to shatter any beliefs in the strength of the United States as a protective force on this continent. The Cabinet Minister leaned on a broken reed. President Roosevelt has just expressed himself to the effect that if an army of 200,000 men should land in the United States they would be met with nothing better than "pitchforks and shot guns."

If the outlook is so poor as all this for their own protection, what hope can Canada base on a hundred Munro doctrines? The most interesting feature, however, is that a large circle of military experts have for some time been suggesting the very same matter

that the President has just now blurted out in his usual impetuous way. Again, it must be said that Canada should depend on her own resources and on the strength of the Empire of which this nation is a part.

A WORD TO READERS.

During the comparatively short time in which the Free Press has been in business, its growth along the lines of advertising patronage, circulation and general prestige has been phenomenal. For the very many kind expressions in words and in actions, which have shown the friendship of the community in general towards this favored paper, The Free Press is properly grateful, and will endeavor to continue receiving this generous support by doing the best possible to merit it.

In view of the very remarkable growth of the business along all lines, The Free Press cannot help but feel that it is blessed with a very wide circle of good friends; and having friends, there is nothing left but to use these well-wishers for the mutual benefit of all and the general advancement of the town and the town's business. In this connection The Free Press is particularly desirous to do its part fully, and so calls special attention to the advertisements in this and other issues. At the present time practically all the business men of Lindsay use The Free Press columns to appeal to the people. Shrewd business men have convinced themselves that if they desire to reach all classes—not some particular clique or outfit of faddists—they must use The Free Press, which caters to all, treating all classes fairly and rightly. Readers of The Free Press thus appealed to for their trade, can rest assured of square treatment and right dealing from the merchants who use these columns.

On the other hand, if the trade of the readers of The Free Press is considered worth having, it should be worth asking for, and the only way in which it can be solicited is through these columns. The merchant, who wilfully throws away good trade, or who neglects to grasp his opportunity, would assuredly appear to be lacking in the strongest sense of business acumen.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Some contemporary newspapers have raised the question as to why municipal elections should be held at the particularly awkward time at which they are at present brought on in this province. The only answer to such a question seems to be that custom has so decreed it, and Ontario people being creatures of custom will not depart from precedent, until a strong agitation and continued publicity have shown a better time and a better way.

The chief objection to the present time for municipal elections lies in the fact that during the Christmas and New Year's weeks citizens in general are too occupied with the jollities and enjoyments of the season and with the trade caused by these things, to devote the proper thought and the proper time to a full consideration of measures and men in matters municipal.

Municipal politics bear a closer and more vital relation to the pocketbook and the well-being of the average citizen than do the larger arenas of Provincial and Dominion affairs. On this account it would appear to be well to make all conditions propitious for the fullest consideration on municipal matters. Christmas is assuredly not the best time for a municipal contest, and Ontario lags behind the other more progressive provinces in this one regard. Nova Scotia, for instance, holds municipal elections in November, New Brunswick in October, Manitoba on the first Tuesday in December and Saskatchewan and Alberta on early dates in December. Municipal politics should rank first in the minds of all town citizens, and the Legislature would do well to consider the setting aside of a more appropriate and convenient season for the annual election.

AVANT, YE FLATTERER!

"Imitation," says the ancient saw, "is the sincerest form of flattery." If the old proverb is to be depended upon, The Free Press has again been sincerely flattered by The Poorly Printed Post.

Last summer The Free Press inaugurated an interesting form of competition that was at least a novelty to Lindsay, and the evening after the plan was announced in these columns, The Post and The Warbler, after their usual manner of two hearts that beat as one, came tagging along with competition announcements that showed beyond a doubt that they drew inspiration for imitation from the progressive Free Press.

Friday evening of last week, The Free Press announced its newboys' competition, and Saturday night The P.P. Post follows the initiative of the leading daily in Lindsay by announcing an exactly similar competition.

Other examples could be given to show how The Free Press has supplied the initiative for the older journals. The Free Press is undoubtedly in the lead. The action of the other two hearts that beat as one proves

that beyond a doubt. The Free Press is content to lead, and finds no fault with its contemporaries for tagging on behind. For the sake, however, of the dignity and standing of the newspaper fraternity, The Free Press respectfully suggests that contemporaries exercise a little originality and a little initiative of their own. The reading public notes these matters for themselves and draw their own conclusions. If local contemporaries continue their weak and belated imitation of The Free Press the public will undoubtedly be tempted to place them simply in the same class as the monkey and the parrot, two famed creatures whose bumps of mimicry are outstanding and whose powers of imitation have been sacrificed to their own peculiar style of personal beauty.

LINDSAY'S POWER AND LIGHT QUESTION.

The letter published elsewhere in this issue from the Secretary of the Board of Trade touches on a matter of more than passing interest. If the Light, Heat & Power Company are using any system of preventing users power from using in a legitimate way what they are paying for, and paying dearly for at that, then certainly the matter should be given fullest publicity. Publicity will assuredly induce such consideration by the people in general as will make it very probable that means will be found to prevent a continuance of what is on its face a straight injustice. The President and Secretary of the Board of Trade have done a useful service by bringing the question to the public notice.

The Light, Heat & Power Company are having less difficulty in making money out of their business, than the average user of power has to make sufficient to meet the charges of the company. This is a noticeable disadvantage to the town of Lindsay as a whole. The village of Fenelon Falls, for instance, charges \$10.00 per horse power for its service, while \$40.00 is the charge here in Lindsay. Yet Fenelon Falls is making its power and light plant a profitable success. Brockville, Orillia and many other municipalities are giving good service at low rates in the lines of power and light, and are still making their plants pay. The inference is surely evident.

These facts are not suggested here and now with any desire to find fault with the Light, Heat & Power Co. That Company is doing no more than most other companies would do if they had the legal opportunity. The object in bringing forward these suggestions at this time is simply to prepare the way in some measure for the advancement of the idea of public ownership of this plant. The franchise given by the town will run out in about two years, and it would appear to be to the general advantage to have the plant then conducted by the municipality.

If the Board of Trade will take up the latter question and do something in the way of public education along this line they will be accomplishing one more useful and profitable service for the town of Lindsay.

MUNICIPAL PLANT REDUCES PRICES.

The Free Press recently referred to the advisability of the town of Lindsay commencing to consider the question of the municipality taking over the control and operation of the local light, heat and power company's plant when the franchise of that company expires, as it will in about two years. In one way, it appears to be touching on a matter a long way ahead, and yet as a business proposition there is no time like the present to discuss and evolve plans for the reduction of light and power charges. The question is of such close interest to a large body of business men and others that the more continued publicity given the matter, the more profitable it will promise to be. The Board of Trade would certainly be making no mistake by adding this item to their program for the year.

The success of the municipal plant in Orillia suggests much timely food for thought along the light and power line. At a special meeting of the Orillia Council this week, the charges to users of electric light were revised and the public statement of the new scale of prices is most interesting when compared with the costs under the old private ownership system. Since Orillia has taken over the lighting plant there has been a steady decrease in charges. Last year the rates were so much below the old-time monopoly prices as to leave no doubt as to the success of the venture. Last year also the plant showed a surplus of \$10,000 which was applied to the reduction of taxes. The new rates are a noticeable reduction on last year's prices. For stores the rate has been reduced from 25 cents to 18 cents per lamp a month; for houses, from 20 cents to 18 cents a month. These prices are also for a 24 hour power every day.

Orillia had unforeseen difficulties in installing the plant at Ragged Rapids. Had it not been for this, municipal ownership enthusiasts claim that Orillia could give light at 12 or 13 cents per month. If Orillia can make so excellent a showing, there seems to be no reason why Lindsay would not benefit by following along similar lines. The matter at any rate is worthy of the largest consideration.

Hon. Sidney Smith was a resident

EXTRAORDINARY PRICE REDUCTIONS

Another Week of Our Great Extension Sale.

To effect an immediate clearance of our Fur Department, extraordinary price reductions have been made. When you buy furs for yourself or as Christmas gifts, let us prove how much better it is to select a garment made of mid-winter pelts. They are the thickest, richest, glossiest and longest wearing furs.

Attractive List of Sale of High-grade Furs

- Dress Goods: Black Beau de Sole Dress Silk, heavy, will not cut, regular \$1.15, sale .75c; 15 pieces black and colored soft Taffeta Silk, reg. 60c, sale .44c; Black Merve Silk, will not cut, reg. 95c, building sale .68c; 200 yards Priestley's Venetian shrunk and unspottable finish, in black, navy and cardinal only, reg. \$1, at .75c; 10 pieces Tweed, 42 inches wide, all good shades, regular 40c to 50c, sale \$4.80; Cheviot, Wales, Serge, Venetian and new stripe effects, all pure wool, regular 60c, building sale .46c; 15 pieces 54 inch Tweed, in good range of colorings, a splendid cloth for Skirts and Children's Coats, reg. 55c, sale .35c. Blankets: 10-4 Flannelette Sheets, regular \$1.10 pair, sale 85c, 11-4, sale \$1.15, 12-4, sale .85c; White Wool Blankets, \$3.50, sale, \$2.65; \$4.50, sale \$3.75; \$5.50, sale .445. White Bedspreads: \$1.00 lines for .75c; \$1.25 lines for .88c; \$1.50 lines for \$1.19; \$2.00 lines for \$1.60; Big drive in Wrapperettes, 36 inch, reg 15c, sale 9 1/2c; reg. 10c, sale .7c. Art Muslins: 8c lines for .5c; 15c lines for .10c. Golf Coats: \$2.25 lines for \$1.75. Men's Clothing: 18 Men's and Boys' Odd Overcoats, from \$3.75 to \$4.00, sale \$2.00; Men's \$5.50 and \$6.00 Tweed Overcoats, new styles, for \$4.00; Men's Tweed Overcoats, \$8.00 and \$8.50, sale \$6.75; 12 Fine Beaver Overcoats, regular \$15.00, sale \$10.00. Dolls, Games and Toys: 25 per cent. below Regular Prices. We will have more to say about these goods next week.

Men's Cardigans

- \$1.00 lines for .75c; \$1.35 lines for \$1.00; \$1.60 lines for \$1.10; \$2.00 lines for \$1.50; 5-4 Table Oils, reg. 25c, sale 20c.

Lace Curtains

- 60c lines for .40c; \$1.25 lines for .85c; \$1.75 lines for \$1.25; \$1.50 lines for \$1.10; \$3.00 lines for \$2.20.

Ladies' Kid Gloves

- Colored Kid Gloves, reg. 50c, sale .35c; Black and Colors, reg. 80c, sale 50c; \$1.05 lines for .75c; \$1.25 lines for .90c; \$1.35 lines for \$1.00; \$2.00 lines for \$1.45; \$2.50 lines for \$1.80.

Startling Sale of Dress Goods

- Striped Tweeds for costumes, 60c, reg. 60c, sale 40c; \$1.00 Venetian Dress Goods for \$1.25; Black Vories, \$1.00 for \$1.25; 25c Cashmere Sox, reg. 25c, sale 20c; 8c Art Muslins for 5c; 10c Prints, 8c; 13c for 10c; Zephyrs and Berlin Woods, 10c; \$1.00 Overall for .75c; \$1.70 Flannelette Sheets for \$1.15; 20 per cent. discount off all Wool Blankets and Bed Coverings.

Miscellaneous

- Teneriffe Mats for 25c, 35c, 45c, 10c and .75c; Ladies' Handkerchiefs for Christmas gifts. Lovely lawn handkerchiefs with neat hem, for 4c, 5c, 7c and 8c; Manufacturers' samples of ladies' men's and children's handkerchiefs at 1/2 of regular price; Manufacturers' sample of table napkins.

Special Sale of Ladies' Cloth Coats

- \$12 Ladies' Coats for \$9.60 in black, brown, green and navy.

Be Sensible and come to this Great Sale and see the biggest Bargains we have ever offered at this season of the year.

Great Values in Carpets and Oilcloths

- 20 Per Cent. off all Carpets and Oilcloths. Carpets: One piece crimson and green all wool carpeting, reg. 90c, for 69c; One piece all wool green with crimson flowers, reg. 92c, sale 70c; One piece wool, olive shades, reg. 92c, sale 70c; 35c Union Carpeting .70c; 20 per cent. off Brussel tapestry and union carpeting not listed. Grey and Fancy Flannels: Grey flannel 26 inches wide, reg. 22c, sale 18c; reg. 29c, sale 24c; Military flanneling, just the thing for men's shirts, reg. 35c, sale 29c, reg. 45c, sale 38c; Heavy twill factory flannel, reg. 35c, sale 27c; reg. 43c, sale 35c; Factory flannel in red and black check, reg. 33c, sale 27c.

Fur and Fur-lined Coats

- 6 only Ladies' Fur-lined Coats, in green, black and brown shell, extra fine broadcloth, neatly strapped with natural Alaska sable collar and muskrat lining, reg. \$65.00, sale 49.50; price while they last .50; Ladies' Astrachan Jacket, with blouse front, western sable collar and revers. Regular \$60.00, sale 48.00; Men's Rat-lined Coats, otter collar, beaver cloth shell, reg. \$75.00, sale 60.00; Men's Natural Canadian Coon Coats, heavily furred, nice dark shades nine only. Regular \$60 for \$48; \$70 for \$56; and reg. \$80, building sale price \$64.00; Men's black and brown detachable Fur Collar, reg. \$40, sale 3.20; Men's Black Lamb Collars, reg. \$6.25 for 5.00; Men's Dogskin Gauntlets, reg. \$5.00, sale 4.00; Men's Neutral Beaver Gauntlets, \$6 for 4.80.

E. E. W. MCGAFFEY

BURNT RIVER.

(Correspondence Free Press.) Burnt River, Dec. 1.—Our new steel bridge is finished, all but the steel, which we hope to get in a few days. Mrs. David Chalmers is home, after spending a couple of weeks with her daughter in Toronto. Mrs. Jas. Rudd spent Sunday here, the guest of Mr. Suddaby. Mrs. Wm. Adkins spent Tuesday in Lindsay. Mrs. Forbert has improved the appearance of her house very much by a fresh coat of paint. Mr. T. Griffin, of Baddow, spent Sunday here. We are glad to see Mr. Eddie Forbert home again. We hope he will stay. Don't forget the basket social on Dec. 3rd.

DEATH OF MRS. (HON.) SIDNEY SMITH.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—The death occurred on Sunday of the widow of the late Hon. Sidney Smith, who was a member of Sir John A. Macdonald's Cabinet in the days of Old Canada before Confederation. Hon. Sidney Smith was a resident

POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION.

An investigation is being held into the cause of the death of Roland Aytote, whose death resulted from a bullet wound some time ago at Oregon, Harvey Township. It will be remembered that he and another youth, Tommy Gordon, were out together, when in some manner Aytote was killed. County Constable Cockrane went to Harvey to make some investigations, and to have the body exhumed from the cemetery at Young's point. He also impounded a jury. Coroner Dr. Gray and Dr. Young went to Young's Point and a post-mortem will be held in the course of a day or two.

GOOD LUMBER JACKS ARE VERY SCARCE.

Employment agencies this year have experienced the greatest difficulty in obtaining really good men for the lumber camps. With the great amount of unemployed labor at present, one would have expected that the opposite would be the case, and the employers would merely have to pick the best men and pay them whatever they chose. But good men seem to be scarcer than ever. Inexperienced men have been employed at low wages, and in almost every case they have proved themselves an expensive form of labor. Good men are easily worth two or three times the price of others. The advantage in actual work may not be very apparent, but the results show a great benefit from the employment of experienced men at higher wages. The only men who are really worth their pay to-day are native Canadians and Swedes. They can be depended upon to earn their wages well. Employers who wish to obtain good men and to keep down expenses will be quick to recognize this. But they have been brought so suddenly face to face with the problem of scarce labor that they have been compelled to accept whatever offered. Wages to-day, however, are not what they

FURNITURE FOR XMAS.

If you are looking for reliable goods at fair prices, you will find this the place. We offer you PARLOR SETS, EASY CHAIRS, ROCKERS, SOFAS, ODD PIECES, ETC. These are not made of unseasoned wood, hastily glued together, but are made to last and will be good years hence.

WM. HOLTORF,

Opposite Campbell's China Hall. William St. were a year ago, and it looks as if employers will have to offer better wages, watch more carefully for good men and take the utmost care that they obtain the best treatment during employment. Unless such a course is taken it will not be long before the good old camp days are gone, when a lumberjack took a pride in his work, and the camps were manned by foreigners who have no interest in their work and never become expert.—Canadian Lumberman.

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