

DESTRUCTIVE NOONDAY FIRE TODAY FOX & BRADY'S STOCK DESTROYED

Lindsay was visited by one of the most destructive fires in years at 12 o'clock today when the stock of the grocery firm of Brady & Nugent was completely destroyed and the store badly gutted.



SCENE OF TO-DAY'S DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

The cause of the fire is a complete mystery. It broke out in the rear of the cellar and spread with alarming rapidity. An alarm was promptly sent in to the fire hall and the brigade was quickly on the scene. The dense smoke poured in from all directions, and the fire seemed to have connected with inflammable material, as the smoke quickly increased in density. The firemen soon had three streams playing into the cellar, but it was impossible for a time to locate the centre of the blaze. It was said that there was a quantity of coal oil in the cellar and the flames evidently connected with the fluid.

that unless the fire was checked it might work its way into the hotel, and a terrible conflagration would be the result. The boarders and travellers at the Benson House went upstairs through the blinding smoke and carried their effects down to the lobby where they would be in a better position to carry them out should the flames reach the hotel. As a result the lobby presented a scene of confusion with its miscellaneous assortment of trunks, valises, suit cases, hand boxes, clothing, etc. The smoke found its way to all parts of the hotel, and Mr. Burgess, the proprietor, will be at considerable loss.

The firemen enjoyed a well earned dinner at the Benson House at 3 o'clock.

The damaged building belonged to the McDonald estate and is insured. Had the fire occurred in the evening a serious conflagration might have resulted. The fire was discovered by Mr. Fox. He was sitting at the desk doing some writing when he heard sounds in the back shop as if someone were entering. Going to the door, he opened it and found the place full of smoke. An alarm was immediately sent in and the brigade was soon on the scene.

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the Dundas & Flavell's firm as well as the officials of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co., for if the fire had gained further headway it would have been a difficult job to save the block. The "Fair" fancy goods store adjoining Fox & Brady's store also suffered badly through smoke and water and the firm will be heavy losers. The firemen fought the fire until about two o'clock, when it was finally brought under subjection. As before mentioned, Fox & Brady's stock is a total loss and the interior of the store presents a scene of desolation. It was impossible, of course, to get an exact estimate of the loss sustained by the firm as well as the amount of insurance carried. The amount of damage incurred by Mr. Burgess, as well as by "The Fair" firm was not obtainable at

OUR DUTY

to our subscriber calls for us to each week furnish them with a newspaper that meets the needs of the community. It must be bright, news, up-to-date, of a good literary tone, having something for each member of the homes to which it enters, upholding the right, denouncing the wrong—a paper of which the reader and the editor may be proud. We have to remind our readers that to produce this paper it costs us now fully one-half more than it did ten years ago, and notwithstanding this extra outlay the price to the subscriber remains just where it was when the Post first commenced publication in 1852. This brings us to

THE SUBSCRIBER'S DUTY

While it is a duty, he also should feel it a privilege to uphold the editor by a prompt payment of his subscription. During the past two weeks we have sent to those who have overlooked the fact that they are in arrears a memo showing the amount due. On the first of February our books pass into the hands of our auditor, Mr. H. J. Lytle, and we ask for a prompt remittance from all those who are indebted to us in order that his report may be both pleasing to us and satisfactory to our Bankers. "The Post expects every subscriber to do his duty."

REEVE ROBERTSON'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS AT FIRST MEETING OF OPS COUNCIL

Ops Council for 1912, consisting of Reeve Jas. Robertson, and councillors, Wm. Best, Fred W. Hickson, George Maloney and Wesley Walden, met Jan. 8th, at 11 a. m. and took declarations of qualification and office.

Reeve Robertson then addressed the council, congratulating them on their election, and bespeaking a pleasant and successful year together in looking after the affairs of the township. He advised a continuation of the custom of keeping a strict account of their services so that each could at the end of the year give date and place for every service charged for. He also advocated the consideration in council of the proportion in which the money in each division was to be allotted on the different roads, so that the money might be as fairly distributed over the township as possible, claiming that while each commissioner was directly responsible for his own division still the council as a whole was also responsible for the outlay of the money that was in their control. With regard to the drainage and railway crossing questions, he thought the watchword should be "eternal vigilance" if the interests of the township were to be safely guarded; and he would recommend that when anything affecting these matters was brought to the attention of any member it should be promptly reported to the clerk's office, so that the whole council might be kept closely in touch with every situation that arose. He also advised that if any member was ever in the least doubt as to the legal procedure in any of his work he should consult council before taking action in order that in every case they might keep straight with the statutes and thus avoid law costs. The wish that all their deliberations might be harmonious and that not a harsh or ungentlemanly word would be heard at the council board this year.

The minutes of the last meeting of 1911 were then read and approved. Applications for assessor were read from J. T. Currins, Robert Nugent, D. W. Terrill and A. C. Reid. W. Best moved that A. C. Reid be appointed. F. W. Hickson moved in amendment that D. W. Terrill be appointed. G. Maloney moved in amendment that J. T. Currins be appointed. W. Walden then seconded F. W. Hickson's amendment that D. W. Terrill be appointed, and as neither of the other motions was seconded, the reeve declared Mr. Terrill appointed. The appointment was later confirmed by by-law, the salary being fixed therein at \$100. Applications for auditor were read from Wesley Deyell, Lorrie Fraim, J. J. Twohey and Walter Lee. On motion of W. Best, seconded by W. Walden, J. J. Twohey and Walter Lee were appointed. John Naylor was reappointed a member of Ops Board of Health for three years, on motion of G. Maloney seconded by F. W. Hickson. On motion of W. Best, seconded by G. Maloney, the clerk was instructed to apply to the county for the use of the crusher for 1912, also to order 6 copies of the Municipal World for the use of council. The by-laws confirming the appointments were duly passed, Mr. Maloney in the chair for the second reading in committee. Also a by-law appointing road commissioners as follows: Division 1, W. Walden, division 2, W. Best, division 3, G. Maloney, division 4, J. Robertson, division 5, F. W. Hickson.

Walden—Best—That an advance of \$500 be appropriated, to be divided equally among the five commissioners for roads and fence bonus, also the balance in each division from last year, if any, this to be included in by-law later.

On motion of F. W. Hickson, seconded by G. Maloney, the usual grant of \$5 to the Hospital for Sick Children was ordered. On motion of W. Best seconded by W. Walden the following accounts were ordered paid: The Warder, for printing financial statements and election bills and advertising nomination, \$33.75; The Post for advertising nomination meeting, \$2.50; G. W. Beall, for election supplies and stationery, \$19.04; Deputy Returning Officers, poll clerks and booths, \$10 for each of the six divisions. Davey and Isaacs livery for horse hire re posting election bills, \$1.50; W. H. Wilson, for sheep killed by dogs, \$10.70.

Council adjourned to meet Feb 12 at 10 a. m.

Week's Doings From Woodville

(Special to The Post) A number of our boys went to Cannington on Wednesday to see the first game of hockey played between Cannington and Markham. The score was 12-7 in favor of Markham. Mr. Shea has moved his family and store across the street to the house formerly occupied by Mr. Bagshaw. Miss Ethel Thomas and Mrs. W. Thomas visited at Mrs W H May's of Cannington, over Sunday. Miss McFarlane visited her parents at Islay last week. Miss Manie Beecroft has been quite ill for the last week, but some better at time of writing. Miss Winnie Ferguson left on Monday for Chicago, where she has a position as nurse in the Wesley hospital. Mr. Jim Hedridge left for his home in Windsor on Monday. Mrs. J. W. Smith and Miss Alma Smith visited at Mr Clark Smith's on Thursday. Mr. Geo Campbell and Mr Alf Poulter left on Tuesday to resume their studies at Albert College, Belleville. Mrs Kearns of Beaverton, visited at Mrs T Westlake this week. Mr. Percy Feed returned to Toronto on Monday where he attended medical college. Mrs. G. Prouse has been quite ill with quinsy. Union prayer meetings last week were very well attended, considering the very stormy weather. Mr. W. Charters spent a few days with his parents at Sunderland last week. Mrs Wesley Lowe, Derryville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs Walters over Sunday. Mr Isaac Bowins returned to her home at Norland on Tuesday after spending two weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Walters. Miss Greenwood of Uxbridge, visited her home last week. Miss Alma McLachlan left Monday for Toronto. Miss Gussie Shorey returned to Cobourg on Wednesday to resume her teaching duties, and Miss Mary Shorey left yesterday for Toronto, to pursue her studies at the University.

CHEAP FEED

We have a Special Feed which is selling at \$20.09 per ton at the mill.

Canadian Cereal and Milling Co., Limited

Jottings From Fenelon Falls News From Victoria Road

Fenelon Falls, Jan. 10—A serious accident occurred on Saturday at Mr Wm. Irvine's farm about three miles from Fenelon Falls, on the Rosedale road, when his son, aged twelve years was kicked by a horse. The boy's skull was fractured, and he is at present in a precarious condition, with but slight hopes for his recovery. Dr. Graham is in attendance. The Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Fenelon Falls, No. 626, held their regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 27, when the election of officers for 1912 took place as follows: P.C.R Bro. W. B. Brandon; C. R., A. W. Quibell; V. C. R. H. Littleton; R. S. A. H. Terill; F. S., W. B. Brandon; Treas., F. Kelly; Chap., S. Smitheram; S. W., L. Robson; J. W., J. J. Johnston; S. B., W. Davis; J. B., W. W. J. Paul; Phy. H. B. Johnstone; Auditor, A. V. Northey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hartle spent Saturday in Lindsay. Mr. and Mrs. L. Deyman of Peterboro, were the guest of Mr. L. Deyman on New Year's Day. Mrs. M. Cook, of Lindsay, spent New Year's with friends in town. Mrs. Hugh Sharpe and Miss Hazel Sharpe visited Lindsay friends over New Year's.

Mr. Grover Kerr of Hastings spent a few days in town this week. The Fenelon Agricultural Society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, January 20th at the McArthur House at one o'clock. A full attendance is requested. There will be a grand fancy dress carnival held in the skating rink here on Monday evening, January 15th. There will be prizes offered for ladies, gentlemen, children and comic costumes.

PLEASANT POINT

We are sorry to see Mr. Jos Greer on the sick list and we hope to see him soon recover. Mr. and Mrs. F. Brien of here have returned after spending a couple of weeks with their son, Dr. J. W. Brien, of Windsor, and with other friends in Essex and Ridgeway. Mr. and Mrs. S. Playfair who have been living in the west for two or three years, are visiting friends in this locality. A very pleasant evening was spent at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Endicott's of North Ops one night last week when a large number of young people assembled and indulged in dancing and card playing.

Meeting Postponed

The District L.O.L. annual meeting which was to have been held yesterday afternoon, has been postponed until Tuesday, January 16th, at 2 p. m. in the rooms of L.O.L. No. 557 over Adams' store.

(Special to The Post) We are glad to hear the Mr. 6Ed-ward Lytle, sr., who has been seriously ill, is recovering now.

Mr. and Mrs Wm J Alton were in Toronto for a few days last week and attended the wedding of Miss Clifford formerly of Cobocook.

Mr. Geo. Laidlaw is able to be out again after his recent illness. Mr. Robinson, of Long Point, and Mr. Alex Robinson spent Sunday at Mr. D. Wright's.

We are sorry to hear Mrs. James Laidlaw is under the Dr.'s care. The little four-year-old daughter of Mrs Hamr met with a serious accident on Dec. 28th by falling off a handsleigh and dislocating his hip, but is slowly recovering.

Mr. Arthur King's little six months old daughter met with a serious accident last week by pulling a cup of scalding water off the table and scalding her arm so badly that the skin came off with her sleeve.

Mrs. J. Lowes who came home for her mother's funeral last week remained to help take care of her father, Mr. Edward Lytle, who has been seriously ill with bronchitis.

Mrs. Albert Lytle, Mrs Stinson, of Janetville and Mrs Dowson of Bowmanville, were all here for their mother's funeral last Thursday and have since been staying with their cousin Mrs Wm Fry left for their respective homes this week. Miss Mabel Lytle accompanied Mrs Stinson to Janetville for a much needed rest.

PALESTINE

(Special to The Post.) Miss Beatrice Tinney of Lindsay, spent the holiday at her home here. Miss Florence McDonald has gone to Toronto to visit her sister.

Mr. Fred Reed, of Grass Hill spent part of the week at the home of Mr. Colin McMillan.

Mr. Chas. Follitt returned to the city on Wednesday, having spent the holiday with his brother Will. Mr. Willis McMillan spent Christmas with Toronto friends.

Miss Margaret Gilchrist of Bountey, Sask., is visiting her cousin, Miss Hannah McMillan.

Miss R. McNair, of Toronto, is staying for a short time at the home of Mr. Wm. McMillan. Miss Millicent Truman spent part of the week as the guest of her friend, Miss Bessie McMillan.

Miss E. McMillan of the Lindsay Collegiate, is holidaying at her home. A sleigh load from those parts attended the New Years tea at Kirkfield and report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Duncan Moran and family of Fertile Valley, Sask., are spending some months at his father's home.

FURS & FUR COATS

For Ten Days we will sell all Furs at a discount.

Fur Muffs, Mink Marmot, \$3.50 for \$2.85—\$4 for \$3.25—\$6 for \$5—\$6.75 for \$5.50—\$7.50 for \$6.25.

Western Sable Muffs, \$10 for \$8.25—\$9 for \$7.95—\$8.50. Sale \$7.25.

Marmot Throw Ties, reg. \$4.50 for \$3.85, reg. \$6 sale \$5, reg. \$6.35 sale \$5.50

Mink Marmot Scarf, with collar, reg. \$6.25 sale \$5.25, reg. \$12 sale \$10.

Large Scarf with 8 tails and paws, reg. \$15 sale \$12.75.

White and Grey Squirrel set, reg. \$14.50, sale \$11.75.

Coon Set Furs with tails, beautiful dark shade, reg. \$25, sale \$21.50.

Black Astrachan set, Throw Tie and large empire Muff, reg. \$12.75, sale \$12.

Children's Grey Lamb Collar, reg. \$6.50 sale \$5.50, reg. \$9.50 sale \$8.50, reg. \$12 sale \$10.

Grey Lamb Muffs, in empire and rug styles reg. \$6 for \$5.25.

Children's White Thibet sets at \$2.25, 2.75 and \$3.

White Ermine sets from \$5 up to \$10.

Black Broadcloth Coats with fur collar, quilted lining, reg. \$16, sale \$13.50, reg. \$25 sale \$20, reg. \$28, sale \$23.

Black and Colored Broadcloth Coats, rat lined, sable collar, \$38, \$50, \$60, \$70

2 only Black Broadcloth Coats, rat lining, mink collar, reg. \$80, sale \$64.

Astrachan Jackets, all sizes, reg. \$55 sale \$45.

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