

Lindsay's Manufacturing Industries ---the Brick and Tile Trade

A Large Output from Two Up-to-date Yards that are of Much Benefit to Our Town

There is situated in the township of Ops, a short distance from the Riverside cemetery two industries which very little has been said or written, and which probably rank among the leading and most prominent in the district, and which play a most important part in the upbuilding and advancement of that portion of the country which serves as a market for their products. The concerns referred to are the brick and tile industries of Mr. Samuel Fox, M.P.P., and Mr. Frank Curtin, both of which adjoin each other.

On Friday afternoon a Post representative visited these industries and was amazed at the amount of brick and tile being turned out and the activity seen on all sides.

Mr. Fox's brick yard was the first visited, and that gentleman, with his proverbial courtesy, kindly showed the scribe around, describing the prominent detail.

A visit was first made to the outskirts of the yard, where several teams were busily engaged hauling cess of brick and tile making, to the clay to the dump to be used in manufacturing brick and tile. Two strata of clay, from the surface white and red, and so much of it has been taken out for manufacturing purposes, that excavations have been made to the depth of ten and twelve feet. A Quincy clay gatherer was here seen in operation, an ingenious device drawn by a team of horses, revolving like a huge roller, and incidentally mixing the clay in its revolutions. Five loads of clay from this gatherer makes 2,000 of brick. This invention gathers more clay than a scraper, and no shoveling whatever is required to fill it. A disc harrow is usually used to get the surface in shape for the handling of the clay. The white clay which is used in the manufacture of red brick has a sandy appearance. Some of the clay which proves too strong for brick-making is used to advantage in the manufacture of tile.

In speaking of his output of tile for 1907, Mr. Fox stated that it amounted to 200,000 which would mean counted as 5 inch tile, about 300,000. A visit was here made to the tile makers, and it was interesting to watch the machine at work. It runs about seven thousand tile a day, but yesterday the men were somewhat handicapped by the fact that the clay was somewhat lumpy. Four kilns are used for burning the tile and nine sheds are utilized for drying purposes. Mr. Fox has been experimenting this season with soft coal, and the intense heat therefrom has produced a novelty in tile, a red striped and practically all red product, which presents a somewhat striking appearance.

The tile kilns were then inspected and thoroughly explained by Mr. Fox. The fire burns on all sides and on top, the smoke escaping through a brick floor and out through flues. The four kilns cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200 upon enquiry it was learned that there was a brick demand for tile, more especially the three inch product. The tile kilns has been burned about seven times this year. The drying sheds for the tile are long and narrow, and are built right on the surface, without a post being placed in the ground. Each one has a floating roof, which can be adjusted in a wave like manner to meet the climatic conditions. The sheds were planned and erected according to Mr. Fox's ideas. One movement of the hand will cover or uncover about 100 feet of roofing. The process of brick making was then thoroughly described.

It might be here stated that a C. P.R. siding has been laid for the purpose of facilitating the shipment of the yards, and Mr. Fox has shipped thirty-five carloads, all to outside places. Two cars are at present loaded for shipment to Stouffville and Toronto. Last June 40,000 of brick were shipped by Mr. Fox over the C. P.R. and Central Ontario Junction to the Canada Iron Furnace company in Hastings. The yard is busily employed working on orders booked since last spring and which are not yet filled.

It was indeed interesting to watch the process of brick making. The soft mud brick machine has a capacity of 12,000 and 13,000 brick per day and with speed up it has reached the 20,000 mark. Thirteen drying sheds are used for brick, with a capacity of 100,000 and there is usually some 50,000 or 90,000 drying at a

time. It takes, as a rule, about nine days from the time the bricks are made before they are burned in the kiln. The output this year has been about 1,250,000 to date, or between 75,000 to 80,000 brick per day. This is a remarkable output when the old method of horse grinding with an output of 7,000 a day is considered. A substantial engine house furnishes the power for the different machines, and also is the medium for supplying the exhaust process for drying the sand for the moulds. The brick kilns have been burned four times this year, one kiln alone consuming 125 cords of wood per week for an output of 250,000 brick.

Mr. Fox has been engaged in the brick business since 1871 and his yards cover an area of twenty acres. That gentleman also erected a cluster of commodious houses in the yards, which are occupied by his employees.

Mr. Curtin's Yard

The Brick and tile industry of Mr. Frank Curtin was next visited, and that gentleman greeted the Post man, and showed him over his yards. He has been in the brick and tile making for some twenty years, succeeding his father, the late Mr. Patrick Curtin who was a much esteemed and very highly respected figure in the early history of Ops township. The same sentiment could be made in reference to Mr. Curtin's business, as are applied to his neighbor, Mr. Fox. Everything used in the process of brick and tile making, being of modern, and up-to-date character and the same activity prevails on all sides.

Mr. Curtin stated that the season had been a busy one notwithstanding the great slump in the building trade. Already he had three kilns burned and one ready to burn. The output of this yard is about 100,000 brick annually. In the manufacture of tile, Mr. Curtin stated that the demand was most encouraging.

In one yard are situated two drying sheds with the swinging roofs. Each shed has a capacity of 16,000 brick. A Quaker brickmaking machine is used in the manufacture of the brick. The tile kiln has a capacity of 30,000 and an improved Woodstock machine in the process of manufacture. Mr. Curtin has the same process of drying sand as Mr. Fox, and the supply of white sand in his yard is inexhaustible. In fact he supplies Mr. Fox with this material. The red sand is secure at the Trimmer farm on the island, some five miles distant.

Mr. Curtin got his supply of clay out last fall for both tile and brick and it is now nearly exhausted. His yards are usually busy about seven months of the year.

Mr. Curtin showed the reported a large pile of red brick, very compact and of a rich coloring. They were certainly excellent samples of the style of brick which have obtained for that gentleman the reputation he now possesses as a brickmaker.

Received Into the Order of St. Joseph

Interesting and Impressive Ceremony at Peterboro

The two weeks' retreat of the Sisters of St. Joseph under the jurisdiction of the Novitiate of Mount St. Joseph-Peterboro, was brought to a close Friday.

To-day, however, that institution was the scene of a solemn and impressive ceremony, when a number of novices were received into the Order, and several Sisters became professed members.

The ceremony took place in the beautiful chapel of the Novitiate and was attended by His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, Rev. Father McCall, Dr. O'Brien, Rev. Fathers Kelly, O'Leary and Galvin, of Peterboro; Ven. Archdeacon Casey, Lindsay; Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, Ennismore; Rev. Father Eichel, Young's Point; Rev. Father T. J. Spratt, Wolfe Island, and other clergy, besides a number of the friends of the candidates.

Miss Laura Parker and Miss Ruth Tait.

The ladies of the guild of Christ's church here held their annual garden party in the church grounds and parish hall on last Thursday evening. It was well attended and altogether it was a very successful event, both numerically and financially. The gross proceeds amounted to \$202.

The annual union Sunday school excursion of all the Bobcaygeon Sabbath schools will be run from here by the steamer Esturion to Burleigh Falls and Buckhorn on civic holiday, the 1st of September next. The committee proposes making this the excursion of the season.

A very fine cut of the procession of the Bobcaygeon fair of last season adorns the front cover of the Canadian Dairyman and Farming World. In last week's issue, The Bobcaygeon fair is looming up this season with a grander procession, larger whole bred exhibits, better races, more numerous displays, more special features and greater attractions than ever.

Threshing is going on quite briskly in this vicinity during the past week. They report the grain to be good and yielding very well. The government is building a white brick house for the lockmaster, just west of the town court here. It is 32 ft. x 32 ft. and two stories high, with an eight foot verandah, the upper story covering the verandah. Mr. Peter Grant is looking after the work during the construction and he expects to have it completed by the end of the next month.

Mr. W. T. Comber offered three prizes for collections of wild flowers to be exhibited at the Ladies' Guild garden party, on last Thursday with the following results. There were twenty-two beautiful wild flower bouquets on exhibition. Mr. W. F. Hickson acted as judge and as it was found that the greatest number in any one specimen on exhibition was twenty different varieties of wild flowers, sixty points, three to each variety, and a maximum of twenty points were given for neatness and artistic arrangement. The following were the prize winners; 1st Miss Dorothy Doyle, 77 points; 2nd, Miss Flora Attkill, 78 points; 3rd, Miss Hazel Hamilton, 57 points; 4th, Miss Lily Stinson, 52 points. Mr. Comber is to be congratulated on his initiative on such an admirable movement.

Warder Wiped Out In Base Ball

The Story of an Awful Drubbing Administered by The Post

There was a baseball team known as the Warder twirlers, but they have passed into seclusion, and the looks of things have gone forever. They tried to play a game of ball against the Post stalwarts on Saturday afternoon, but when five innings had been gone through the score read 11-2 in favor of The Post boys.

It was exactly half past five and the Post players were starting for home after waiting since 2:30 for a when an express wagon was seen coming up the road with a load of would-be ball players piled on behind. These turned out to be the boys from the Warder. They expected to grim the boys from William-st., and were so confident that they even hollered it about the field. They had about the best team they could scrape up around their office and came up fully expecting to win. Things are said than done, however, and it took just about one inning to show the Warder boys where they got off at. In the first two innings The Post pounded Tim Butler, the twirler for the Kent-st. business out of the box and scored six runs to their opponents' one. It was a shame to take the money, but it could not be helped. Chuck Perkins was the next pitcher up for the Warder but he was just about as bad. The Post boys had their batting clothes on and they were bound to hit. Dick Butler got many a one to stop, but he failed to do so. When at last five innings had been played the score stood 11-2 in favor of the WILLIAM-ST. STARS. This was enough for the Warder, and as everybody was hungry, the game was called off.

Earl Cotey umpired to the satisfaction of all.

Line-up:

Post	Warder	
Higinbottom	pitcher	Perkins
Henley	catcher	Bryans
Cornell	1st base	Gillis
Gray	2nd base	O'Neil
Moore	3rd base	Butley
Clapman	short stop	Butler
Donald	right field	Moyne
Neil	centre field	Mark
Jones	left field	Robson

Chosen Friends Organized

A council of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends was instituted Friday night in Taylor's hall, Lindsay. A class of twenty candidates presented themselves for initiation, with nice extra applications for further action. A full staff of officers were elected and installed by the Grand Organizer, assisted by Dr. White and Mr. John Walker, P. C., of the order

A False Alarm Only Tramps

The Reports as to Presence of Escaped Prisoners Without Foundation

It has transpired that the suspicious characters who have been spreading consternation among the people of Kilmount and vicinity, are nothing more than ordinary "knights of the road," who are molesting no one and who appear to be harmless characters.

In response to a request from the Attorney-General's Department to Chief of Police Vincent that he obtain what information he could concerning the suspects, the result of that official's enquiries is about as follows: When the chief received word that the suspects were supposed to be a trio of the Toronto jail breakers, Churchhill, Rose and Snow one and who appear to be harmless characters.

On August 5th Constable Geo. Foster met them at Cannington, and on the 6th at Oakwood that a trial had a chat with them. One was a tall man and the other short. The latter said his name was McFarlane, a tailor by trade, and that he was looking for work.

On August 7th the trio visited Lindsay. They asked Chief Vincent to give them the names of prominent members of the Orange Order. The Chief replied that he was not in a position to give them the desired information, but gave them what assistance he could and directed them on the road to Kilmount.

On August 10th they were met by Constable Woodhead as he was going to Burnt River. He thought them suspicious looking characters, but having business on hand, he did not stop them.

Inquiries were made on Tuesday, and it was learned that the three had slept in the barn of Mr. Ritchie, some four miles south of Kilmount, but on being questioned they informed him they had slept on the property of Sam Sobell's. They told Mr. Sobell they were going to Gooderham, and told others in Kilmount that they were heading towards Bracebridge. They told a new currier to a heryman in Kilmount for 15c. While in that place they also enquired for the names of local Orangemen, applied to some of them and received assistance.

Minden was their next stopping place, which was reached that evening, starting out next morning for Dorset and afterwards heading for Huntsville, where they were going to strike the track for North Bay.

The Minden Echo referring to the trio has the following to say: Our town was favored on Monday night by the presence of three persons - two gentlemen and a lady - traveling on foot to Dorset, Bracebridge or Huntsville, whose going has created quite an interest in the minds of a few. One of the men represented himself as a tailor and the other as a shoemaker, looking for work and who had been very unfortunate in that respect. Their money was gone and requests were made for aid. The Echo would give them a personal, but they did not wish to be mentioned in a way that their friends in Toronto would know how ill they fared, therefore they did not give their names. After they were gone, many were the conjectures as to their possible identity. As liberty loving citizens pursuing the even tenor of their way they had gone in peace, and by this time may be enjoying the employment they did not find in Minden.

Growing Camphor in Texas

Almost the entire supply of camphor now comes from Formosa. The demand, says a writer in the south west, has increased to such an extent that the attention of all the leading countries of the world has been directed to opening up a new source of supply. This is made necessary by the fact that in the manufacture of modern explosives which are used in high-power guns camphor forms an important ingredient.

Now that the Japanese Government controls the world's supply of the product, it is by no means certain that it may be obtained in the desired quantity at all times in the future. In order to provide against any such contingency as this, the growth of the camphor shrub is being encouraged in Texas, where there are two camphor farms operated by the United States Government. The experimental farms at Wharton, was established nearly two years ago. The shrubs are thriving wonderfully well, and they are now higher than a man's head.

The process of operation in Formosa for extracting the camphor is to chop the trees down and cut them into small pieces, from which the camphor is then distilled. The man in charge in Texas, Dr. Watkins, has adopted a different method. He rows the seeds of the shrubs like wheat or oats, and the shrubs quickly sprout. When they have attained a height of about three feet they are cut down by a mowing machine at a height of about a foot

from the ground. The several portions are put through the distilling process, and the camphor extracted. From the tender stubble other shoots spring up, and the cutting process can be repeated once a year for several years. It is asserted that a better quality of camphor can be obtained by this method than by the ancient process that is in use in Formosa. The crop requires no attention except the sowing and harvesting.

It is asserted by Dr. Watkins that a large portion of southwest Texas is especially adapted to successful camphor-growing. At present prices one acre of camphor would yield a profit of about four hundred and fifty dollars. It is expected, however, that when its cultivation becomes general in Texas, there will be a drop in prices.

Pinched Between Butment and Bridge

Narrow Escape of Little Boy at Youngs Point from Death

Young's Point, Aug. 13.—Pinched between the swing bridge and the cement abutment as the former was being closed, the little son of Mrs. J. C. Moreland, Gilmour street, yesterday afternoon had a narrow escape from very serious injury and probably death. Young Moreland was present at the dock at the time the Water Lily was passing through and unconsciously walked into the danger, not noticing the swing bridge closing he stood close to the abutment and was squeezed between the two. He was caught just above the knees. Dr. Baker, of Lakefield, was quickly summoned and dressed the wound. It is probable, however, that he will be laid up for a month or more.

Getting Ready for the Marathon

The Catholic Literary Society will Leave no Stone Unturned to Secure Success

An enthusiastic meeting of the Catholic Literary Society was held on Saturday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the grand athletic tournament of Labor Day. Mr. J. Fleury, president, occupied the chair, and the enthusiasm manifested during the day augurs well for the success of the undertaking. After some discussion the meeting elected its officers as follows: President—Mr. P. Kennedy. Secretary—Mr. L. Primeau. Printing Committee—The officers and Rev. Father Collins. Program Committee—Principal Rogers, Rev. Father Collins, Messrs. T. Burke and M. J. Mahar. The proposed program for the day was fully discussed and it is understood that it will be of such character as to make the event one of the best ever held in this section of the province.

The tournament will be widely advertised and it is expected with Longboat and the other crack Irish athletes on the programme that the event will draw an immense crowd to town. Further particulars concerning the matter will be announced from time to time.

The Clergy are in Retreat

Those of the Diocese of Peterboro Go Into Retreat for a Week

The clergy of the Diocese of Peterboro last Tuesday, the services lasting one hour went into retreat at Peterboro week. There will be no services during the week at St. Mary's church until next Saturday morning. Ven. Archdeacon Casey and Rev. Father Collins, of St. Mary's, and Rev. Father McGuire, of St. Luke's, Downsville, are in attendance.

St. Joseph's Academy Commercial Class

List of Pupils Who have Passed in the Several Subjects

The following will obtain full commercial diplomas in bookkeeping, theory and practice, business forms; commercial law; mercantile arithmetic; shorthand speed and theory. J. Edmonds, A. Fennelly, F. Fitzmaurice, A. Bala, A. Meehan, B. Pizzotti, I. Jobbitt, T. Dray.

The following obtained honors in stenography, J. Edmonds, A. Fennelly, F. Fitzmaurice, I. Jobbitt. Passed in business forms, commercial law, shorthand theory, Nellie Costello, Mary Murtha. Passed in shorthand theory, Florence White.

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