

OMEMEE FIRE-SWEPT EARLY LAST FRIDAY

Fire Started in Stinson's Tinware Shop and Spread to Adjoining Premises—Loss about \$10,000—Effective Work of Local Fire Brigade and Citizens Prevented a Conflagration—Peterborough Brigade Not Needed.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OMEMEE, Dec. 13th.—The citizens of Omemee are in gloom over the disastrous fire which visited the village this morning. The last conflagration occurred about ten years ago. The fire originated in the rear of Dr. Stinson's tin warehouse, and looked as if it might have started from a stove, but those who were there at 2:30 last night left no trace of fire. There not being one cent of insurance on the stock, it looks as if it had been accidental.

The devouring flames spread to the adjoining buildings—Mrs. Norris' brick building and Geo. Griffin's tailoring shop—and all the efforts of the men forming the fire engine and bucket brigades were directed to saving the Mechanics' Institute building adjoining John McCreas' beautiful brick residence. That both of these were saved reflects great credit to the fire fighters. The Peterboro brigade were telephoned for, but the request was cancelled when it was seen the local brigade had the flames under control.

"Go West, Young Man," There is Still Time

Former Lindsay Boy's Advice to the Enterprising Youth of Victoria County—Land is Still Cheap, But the Opportunity to Secure it is Passing.

The Post stands indebted to Mr. M. McGeough, of Brandon, Man., son of Mr. M. H. McGeough, of this town, for the following interesting and encouraging letter relative to Western prospects. We feel certain that it will encourage many the young men of the county who may be in doubt as to the advisability of leaving Ontario.

Dear Editor,—Having been requested by several of your Lindsay readers to give my opinion upon the prospects and advantages of a Western settler, I take this opportunity of expressing my views. Although, it is a subject already widely discussed, there is always much left untouched. Perhaps these few words from my own limited experience and knowledge may tend to enlighten some of the "boys" who have the heart and courage to pack up and seeking their fortune in this glorious and abundant land we call "the Golden West."

prairies have been lying here for countless ages, judging from the geological composition of the soil. The great wealth of lignite coal which is found so abundantly in Alberta tells of bygone centuries when those low flat prairies were covered with dense forest. The rocky ledges and the hills form a chapter in profile, telling of a glacial period, which accounts for the deep, rich, black loam, formed of several layers of debris, worn and washed down from the mountain side. These provinces have passed their glacial period, their buffalo periods, their Indian periods, their cold and dry periods, and Nature can no longer afford to have these great energies wasted, the flowers unseeded and unplucked by little fair hands, and the fragrance of these millions and millions of flowers hurried early by the lovely warm Chinook. The country is now ripe for the actual settler, who can enjoy the domestic products of the soil. There has never been a time in the history of the Canadian Northwest when a man who hopes to own a farm must act so promptly as now. Only a few short years and it will be too late. The tide of immigration westward was never exceeded before. The Americans of the Dakotas and Central States are selling their farms and rushing to the Canadian West. Take, for instance, a man who comes here and buys a farm, say for ten or fifteen dollars per acre, breaks it up and seeds, and the same season, pays for as farm out of that crop. Railways are branching out everywhere, and most of the pioneer homesteaders.

To the young man—in a few years you will no longer be a young man—the old farm is too small to divide among all of grown up boys, besides leaving something for the old folks; you have also, perhaps, too much help, and the question comes to your mind—what about the future? Your neighbor's farm is too high priced, unless you wish to spend the rest of your life paying for it, and you certainly have too much ambition to rent a neighboring farm and give the owner the fruits of your labor in rent. Go into business, then? Business is already overdone here—why not, then, get hold of some land in the West, and let it increase in value, till the first thing you know you find yourself with a nice little bank account!

Passing from the actual farmer, this country affords excellent opportunities for the professional and business men and women, more especially to land investors. Land is cheap at ten dollars per acre—this makes it possible for the poor man to become rich, the rich man more prosperous, while at the same time this does not, as some people might suppose, breed indolence, but on the contrary, stimulates action to such a degree that some have to restrain themselves lest they forget the pleasures and recreations in life, which are so plentiful here, and which you can well afford to enjoy.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the Estate of CLARK BIRCHALL, late of the Township of Morris, in the County of Victoria, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to R.S.O. 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 58, that all creditors and persons having claims against the estate of the said Clara Birchall, who died on or about the 23rd day of October, A.D. 1907, are requested on or before the

Twenty-first Day of December, A. D. 1907, to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors of the estate of the said deceased, their names, addresses and description, full particulars of their claims and accounts, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

NOTICE

The Davidson Grist Mill is now open to the public. Chopping done for five cents a bag, for cleaned grain.

GEORGE DAVIDSON,
Little Britain.

Mediarmid & Weeks, of the Town of Lindsay, in the County of Victoria, Solicitors for Richard X. Dale, Alexander McKay and John Dundas, Executors of said Estate.

COMMUNICATIONS

LOCAL OPTION IN FENELON.

(To the Editor of The Post.)
Sir,—The local option by-law was carried in the township of Fenelon in January, 1905, and came in force the following January. The law has been fairly well enforced, and the results have been very satisfactory.

ABOUT THE MAYORALTY CANDIDATES.

(To the Editor of The Post.)
Mr. Editor,—I attended the meeting of the Board of Trade on Friday evening, and although the attendance was not large, all classes were fairly well represented.

LETTERS FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

CRESSWELL.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
On Thursday of last week, while chopping wood, Mr. Simon Noble had the misfortune to have one of his eyes injured. A chip flew from the axe, striking the eyeball, inflicting a nasty wound. We hope the injury may not be serious.

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(To the Editor of The Post.)
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twenty-two cases, must have been from outside points. Here again Dr. McAlpine has not done what he is paid for. He need not be in doubt about the twenty-two cases, and should not be in doubt. A neglected case of typhoid that fall from a sanitary point of view, may lead to a host of infection in the same locality next year.

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MEET ME AT WAKELY'S.

Santa Claus Headquarters

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES GALORE.

You are invited to make this store your headquarters while in town. See the preparations we have made for you and don't get your parcels lost, have them "checked" here free of charge.

- NOVELTIES
Pretty Dolls, Perfumes, Beaded Bags, Purses, Work Baskets, Cushions, Handkerchief Holders, Brushes, Photo Holders, Mirrors, Neck Laces, Beauty Pins, Cushion Tops.
- LADIES' DEPARTMENT
Fancy Collars, Belts, Parasols, Gloves, Golf Coats, Silk Waists, Fancy Aprons, Handkerchiefs, Holly Ribbons, Motor Scarfs, Clouds, Toques.
- MEN'S DEPT.
Neckwear, Gloves, Neckscarfs, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Umbrella, Hats and Caps.

FUR DEPARTMENT

Fur Collars, Ruffs, Stoles, Muffs, Caps, Fur Coats, Fur lined Coats—Greatly Reduced.

J. W. Wakely

Millinery at Half Price.

One Door East of Dominion Bank.

For Christmas Buyers.

It's not a task, but a pleasure, to choose gifts in a "Quality Shop" like this. Just spend half an hour here and the problem will be solved. BUT CHRISTMAS IS NEAR. So don't procrastinate, make your selection now and we will keep it for you.

- BRUSHES—Hair, Military, separate and in cases; Cloth, Hat, Bonnet, Hand, etc., in genuine Ebony, Foxwood, etc., all prices.
- LEATHER BAGS—A superior line in Real Seal, Walrus, etc., suitable for the girl, mother or grandmother \$1.00 to \$5.00.
- FANCY BACK COMBS—The largest variety of high grade Combs ever shown in town, these are exclusive in design and can not be duplicated, \$1.00 to \$5.00.
- LOWNEY'S CHOCOLATES—America's famous confection, in beautiful holiday boxes, 35c to \$5.00.
- RAZORS make a handsome and useful gift to father, brother or sweetheart. We have the best kinds; Carbo Magnetic, Gillette's Safety, Auto Strip Safety, \$2.00 to \$5.00.
- MIRRORS—As usual a superb assortment, suitable for shaving and the toilet, with heavy glass, in Ebony, Foxwoods, etc., 50c to \$5.00.

COME WITH THE CROWD TO Dunoon's Drug Store.

Brian, of Whitby Ladies' College, elocutionist, has been engaged, and a fine programme is in readiness. Mrs. (Rev.) Moore will spend Christmas at a family gathering at Sandford.

ELDON STATION

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Miss Flora Morrison left on Friday for Hamilton. Flora is quite a favorite, and will be greatly missed here.

Mr. Alex McEachern, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. McKenzie, of Orillia, returned on Saturday.

We are pleased to see that Master Alf. Maybee, who has been very sick, is now rapidly recovering under the careful treatment of Dr. Galoway, of Woodville.

We are sorry to lose from our neighborhood and church Mr. Mrs. Charles McDonald, also Mrs. Bailey, who, having sold their farm here, have retired to Woodville.

Mr. J. Hughes, an English shoe maker, is doing some good work. See his hand-made shoes.

Rev. J. E. Moore is conducting revival meetings at Valentia.