

VICTORIA LOAN AND SAVINGS CO.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent per annum has been declared on the paid up Capital Stock for half year ending Dec. 31st n.t., payable at the Company's office on and after Jan. 3rd, 1903.

JAMES LOW, Manager.

FARM LOANS.

MONEY TO LOAN on Mortgage or any term from 5 to 10 Years at Lowest Current Rate of Interest, with privilege of repayment in instalments when required.

Expenses kept down to the lowest notch. All business of this nature kept strictly private and confidential. Come and see me if you want money and get my terms.

J. H. SOOTHERAN Land Agent, 91 Kent-st. Lindsay

The Weekly Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 1903.

LOCAL OPTION IN VERMONT

(New York Times)

There must be some significance in the fact that Vermont has "gone" local option after half a century's experience of nominal prohibition. We do not know what may have influenced the majority of the voters, which is seen as but a narrow majority. It cannot have been merely the failure of prohibition to prohibit, or rather to suppress, since that has been the experience of communities and institutions that have tried it, from States and cities to the United States Army. We should not like to believe that the motive has been an abhorrence of the means and hypocrisy inevitably and invariably induced by a nominal prohibition which cannot be made effective. (There is also to be considered the loss of revenue to the State which comes from the false pretense that no intoxicating liquor is made or sold within its borders.)

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Cliver swindlers, who have operated in Toronto and other parts of Canada, are in the toils in New York. They organized a wheat syndicate, guaranteeing 800 per cent on every dollar invested with them, and they netted \$50,000. Their victims number 4,000.

SCOTLAND YET.

(Toronto Telegram, Feb. 12.) Scotland's representative curlers are not the first and will not be the last set of gentlemen who have been overtaken by a joke of their own make.

The Scottish curlers were put in the position of impating to themselves a fine capacity for carrying large cargoes of alcoholic refreshments. It was Rev. John Kerr who did it with his little joke at Lindsay. He commented humorously on the spectacle of curlers, and Scotch curlers, being asked to drink toasts in whisky.

Winnipeg imparted its own broad breezy west interpretation to the original joke. It was idle for the Scottish curlers to disclaim the alcoholic reputation that was thrust upon them. The humorist's advance notices indicated that they were a procession of horrible examples. If they disbelieved the evidence they had only to look at the walls and see great pictures of themselves as distillery signs glorifying whisky, and Canadian whiskey at that.

Midland's Power Company The Ackerman Light and Power Co. has made the following offer to the town of Midland: "We will supply you with 16 candle power lamps at 15 cents per month, 10 hours per day, or supply 500 horse power at 6 cents per horse power for 10 hours per day, on condition that a loan of \$15,000 be granted at 5 per cent per annum, repayable at \$1,000 per year, and with the privilege to apply power to any private parties in the corporation; also operate electric railroad." No information is given as to when the company intends to get its power. It will be noticed that the offer is 25 per cent lower than Ontario's power rate of 20 cents per month. On the other hand the power rate figures up a little higher, being about \$18 a horse power.

Manitoba's Hustling Metropolis (Monetary Times) Winnipeg, even allowing for the becomer element represented in much Western talk and very high prices for land, is really making wonderful progress. During last year, it gave one illustration, there were laid in that city, 64 miles of sewers, 27 miles of macadam pavements, 16.1-4 miles of cedar block pavements, 9.1-4 miles of asphalt pavements, 44 miles of boulevards, 10 miles of granite sidewalks, 176 miles of plank sidewalks and 74 miles of water pipes. The cost of these improvements were as follows: Sewers, \$1,344,000; macadam pavements, \$481,000; cedar block pavements, \$320,000; asphalt pavements, \$339,000; boulevards, \$44,500; granite sidewalks, \$33,000; water pipes, \$352,000. Here is an aggregate of \$2,901,000, none of which can be said to be luxuries.

To the Farmers of Ontario. (Toronto World) You have very little weed left on your places. You are burning coal at \$6 to \$10 a ton. The coal you burn comes from the States. The mines and railways carrying the coal are owned by the greatest monopolists in the world—next to the Standard Oil Co. Were it not for their monopolistic position coal could be sold and delivered to you at the nearest railway station for less than \$2 a ton.

Why should not this power be kept for you? Cheap electrical energy will give you light, heat, power for your farms, power for cheap trolley lines on your main roads. It carries its own rail along and can be distributed anywhere in its radius. But your representatives in the legislature, the farmer members, have been the most generous in bestowing these gifts on the monopolists and in strengthening all franchise grabbers.

COMMUNICATIONS.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS. (To the Editor of The Post.) Dear Sir,—I see Mr. C. Burke thinks the salaries of our town officers are high enough. Now, I will put it this way to him: Is 71 cents a day enough for Wilson? Is \$1.43 a day enough for the Market Clerk? Is \$1.23 a day enough for Constable Reeves? Is \$1.09 a day of 24 hours enough for the driver of the Fire Team? Is \$1.64 a day enough for Chief Nevison? Is \$2.55 a day enough for the Town Clerk provided he has \$800 a year left after paying for help? I say no, and so would you, Charley, if you were a

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THE N. HOCKIN SHOE STORE

THE GREATEST SNAP OF THE SEASON.

Our Mr. Hockin, during his peregrinations—bargain hunting last week, picked up some of the biggest money savers in the shoe line ever offered to the good people of Lindsay.

This Wonderful Bargain Line is here to-day, and is now on sale—17 cases of them:— 400 pairs Women's finest quality Rubbers, newest shapes, all sizes 2 1/2 to 7; 35c regular price 60c per pair, now on sale at the ridiculous price of, per pr 35c

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OUR CHEESE IN ENGLAND.

London Times Speaks of Strong Hold Canada Secured on British Markets. The strong hold which Canada has secured upon the cheese markets of the United Kingdom is well shown from the fact that in 1902 just over two-thirds of our total imports of cheese were sent from the Dominion. The actual quantity, 1,709,566 cwt., is, we believe, "a record." Furthermore the position is well earned by the Canadian cheesemakers as a reward for their persistent efforts to improve the quality of their product.

THE POWER QUESTION.

Comments of the Presbyterian on an Absorbing Topic. The Presbyterian, dealing with the power question, says: "In Ontario public interest continues to be directed to the matter of the development of electrical energy at Niagara Falls and other great sources of water power. The fact that the Ontario Government has authorized a third company to develop power at Niagara Falls and that the members of this company are interested in the electric lighting and the electric car service in Toronto has set people thinking it is very necessary for the power to produce and transmit electric energy will be one of the utmost importance, not only to Toronto, but to other cities and municipalities. It will be a sorry awakening if these municipalities wake up some day to find themselves at the mercy of private monopoly for the supply of what at that time may be a public necessity. The truth is being forced upon people that the great natural gifts which are also necessities of life, like coal and oil—and with them the power to be harnessed power for the development of electric energy—are not fit subjects for private monopoly. It was never intended that they should pass into the hands of a few men that at the expense of the commonwealth. There is a great field here for statesmanlike thought and action on the part of our public men. The influence of the great capitalists is far too strong in party councils. The common people must rouse themselves and insist that their representatives, since these matters of vital public interest belong to the petty party battles of the 'ins' and 'outs'."

PASCOE BROS. GENERAL MERCHANTS.

WE are still taking orders for anything our customers desire that we do not keep in stock. Orders for furs are still coming in; and anyone desiring furs or anything else, kindly call at the store and have particulars, and we will give our best attention in procuring them to the satisfaction of the customer. Mr. Champion, the tailor, is burning midnight oil getting out work, as he is very busy, trying to get the work finished at the date promised. The Suits which we are clearing out at \$12.00, worth \$16.00 and \$18.00, are going rapidly. Call and leave your orders before the rush of Spring trade is on. READY-MADE CLOTHING.—We are reducing the price of all our ready-made goods, such as Overcoats, Reefers, Ulsters and Men's Suits. Highest market price paid for Butter, Eggs, Dried Apples, Fowls, etc. Our wagon will be taking its regular route in the Spring and solicits your patronage.

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