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MAIL CONTRACT. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 27th January, 1905 for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week each way between COBOCONK and LORNEVILLE Grand Trunk Railway Station from the 1st April next.

WEEKLY POST LETTER BOX

THE MUNICIPAL SITUATION. Sir,-With the festive season comes the day of nomination of Mayor and Councillors. At this meeting of the electors it is usual for the annual financial statement to be distributed. I ask that this statement be carefully examined and our deliberation and doubtfulness of this year be compared with the years 1901, 1902 and 1903. If this is done I do not think the most obtuse will not realize the fact that there is a growing increase as the years advance, and as well that the year's deficiency in ordinary expenditure over receipts increased as well. These facts, conjoined with a high assessment at a very high rate, gives at this time food for serious thought and to a grave suspicion that there may be some grafting being done, and that the individual elector is paying the shot. It is all very well to point to the miles of grandiose walks that have been built throughout the town as evidence of progressive statesmanship, but it is as well to remember that in every case our debenture indebtedness is increased and its outlay is not out of current revenue. It is of great interest evoked by some of our Councillors in encouraging petitions, and especially the frequent adoption of the initiative plan of construction, there appears to be a growing feeling that the scheme is not entirely disinterested. A clean sheet and a new document, I think it, with the advent of the new year, do any great harm, and may be conducive to a more healthy state of affairs.

I think in this town we have too many figure heads, too many professional municipal miswives, and that there are less pretentious individuals who will make equally good, if not better representatives. Surely the railroad can furnish one or two - they gave one in the person of Mr. Johnson years ago, and he was such a credit to the town. The mechanics should furnish a member, and perhaps the Socialists. Why should all representative positions be open only to men whose chief qualification is check and greed for personal gain? I do not think a sensible mechanic would advocate in writing the stealer roller at an annual expense to the municipality of four dollars - I do not think a practical sensible man would buy a second-hand wood furnace to burn coal - I do not think they would buy it at all. I do not think they would pay rent for a waterworks office or pay a treasurer an unnecessarily generous salary when all the work he does is only worth \$50, or would put in a common filter to remove impurities in solution.

I am told that Mayor Sothman will not be a candidate. If this is true I would suggest Dr. Vrooman as a fit and proper person, as his successor. Dr. Vrooman has had considerable municipal experience and is a man whose honesty in public and private life no one can successfully impugn. Elect him, and an honest, business Council, and to aid management a solid, sudden jolt. Strike off purely placemen from our Education and Library Boards and Board of Water Commissioners, put on practical, qualified men, and you will not get behind doors or exclude the press, but do your business in the open as seen of all men. Gentlemen electors, get smart - try now men, make a change, you can't get at any rate be the worse off. I am not an applicant for your suffrages, so that what I write is disinterested except in so far as I am interested and desirous of municipal economy, a lower tax rate and debenture debt.

P. PALMER, BURROWS, Lindsay, Dec. 23rd, '04. SAMPLES OF CHOICE GRAIN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SEED. (To the Editor of The Post.) Dear Sir,-By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution is of the very best and has been secured mainly from the excellent crops recently had at the branch experimental farm at Indian Head, in the Northwest Territories. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn and potatoes. The quantity of oats to be sent this year will be 4 lbs., and of what oats or barley 5 lbs., sufficient in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn and potatoes will weigh 3 lbs. as heretofore. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution: Oats - Bunker, Wide-Awake, Improved Ligowo, Waverley, Goldenfleece, Abundance and Thousand Dollar. Wheat - Eastern Red Fife, Percé, Stanley, Huron, Lurel and White Fife.

Barley - Six-rowed, Menzury, Oakes, Menfield, Claude and Royal. Two-rowed - Sidney, Invincible, Standwell and Canadian Thorpe. Potatoes - Carman No. 1, Early White Prize, Canadian Beauty, Ucele San, American Wonder, Early Andes and Late Puritan. Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats, he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one variety from one household cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the mail. Applicants should be addressed to the Director of Experiments at Farm, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the first of March, after which the list will be closed, so that all samples asked for must be put in good time for sealing. Parties writing should mention the sort of variety they would prefer, with an address as an alternate, and a second sort as an alternative, should the available stock of both the varieties be exhausted, some other seed will be sent instead. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes will please bear in mind that the corn is not available for distribution until March or April, and that potatoes cannot be mailed from here until danger from frost is past.

W.M. SAUNDERS, Director Experimental Farms, Ottawa, December 1st, 1904.

HOLLY AND MISTLETOE. What Tradition has to Say Concerning Their Use. In the Middle Ages we find the holly called "Christ-thorn," because tradition says Christ's crown was made of holly. When the briars touched his brow they became pointed leaves, and the berries, which before were white, were dyed scarlet with his blood.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN

Father McReynolds Was Killed and Son, Andrew, Hurt.



Mothers, never be without Hirst's Pain Exterminator in the house. No telling what night you may attack the baby. With this family medicine handy, there's no danger of losing the little one.

receives a fatal shock. Electrician Birkett at Brantford Meets a Sudden Death. Brantford, Dec. 17.-An electrician named Ellsworth Birkett of the Brantford Electric and Operating Company was instantly killed last evening. He was engaged in fixing an arc lamp near the power house when he received a shock of 3,000 volts. Birkett was an expert in his line and had been in the employ of the company for twelve years.

Shot By His Daughter. Port Arthur, Dec. 17.-John Hutton, a Finnlander, lies in the hospital here from the result of an accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of his twelve-year-old daughter. The girl was handing the gun to her father when a cartridge which had been left in it exploded.

Risked Life, Saved Child. Winnipeg, Dec. 17.-A heroic rescue of a child from in front of the east-bound express train was made here by Robert Mackay, a former Toronto fireman on the G.P.R. R. Mackay lifted the child from danger as the engine dashed by, and a crowd cheered him.

Windsor, Dec. 17.-James Van Horne of Chatham called at Janes' morgue here yesterday and identified the remains of the colored man found with the front of the Grand Trunk, near Walkerville, in the Wattle of Chatham. Watt had been in this city in quest of work and was unsuccessful. He was beating his way home when he fell from a freight train.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.-The steamer Algerine, which arrived here yesterday, reports having had a terrible experience. She was driven off the coast and was four days buffeted by the sea, and was partly water-logged. Her pumps became choked, and only by the efforts of the engineers and stokers, who worked waist-deep in water, clearing the bilges, was she saved.

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WRECKS FEW ON LAKES.

Chicago, Dec. 15.-The season just closed has probably been the most profitable one to ship underwriters in the history of that business on the great lakes.

THE LOYALTY OF CANADA. Much Has Been Offered By Dominion to Mother Country. London, Dec. 15.-The Manchester Courier, commenting on Mr. Asquith's speech, says: It could hardly be called "disloyalty" on the part of Canada if, after granting a 33 per cent. preference and giving every abandoned man in the Mother Country 100 acres of free land in vain, she turned to the United States for reciprocal trade.

Easy Mated a Furs. This week's Tattler contains a full page illustration showing Lady Minto and her family "in their winter Canadian furs."

France Signs Treaty. Paris, Dec. 17.-Foreign Minister Delcasse announced at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday the signing of a Franco-Swiss arbitration treaty similar to the Franco-British agreement.

A GREAT COMMERCIAL SCHOOL. ELLIOTT Business College. TORONTO, ONT. Cor. Yonge and Alexander-sts. A school that is not living on past reputation but upon the thorough work that is done day by day.

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NOTICE. Application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Railway Company under the name of the "GEORGIAN BAY AND SEABOARD RAILWAY COMPANY," with power to construct, operate and maintain a railway from a point near Georgian Bay between Port Severn and Prestaburgh, in a southerly and westerly direction through the Counties of Simcoe, Ontario, Victoria, Peterborough, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, Frontenac and Lanark, or any of them, to a point of connection with the Ontario and Quebec Railway between Cayuga, Ontario, and Matherly with such powers as are usually given to Railway Companies incorporated by the Parliament of Canada; and that the said works be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

Dr. Sullivan Resigns. Kingston, Dec. 17.-At the medical banquet in the city hall Thursday night, Hon. Dr. Sullivan announced his resignation as professor of surgery in Queen's College. Dr. Sullivan entered the medical school fifty years ago as student and has been connected with the school ever since. In 1885 Dr. Sullivan acted as purveyor general during the Northwest Rebellion.

Budgetary Truce. Dec. 16.-The Parliamentary truce has been short-lived. The session of the Lower House yesterday witnessed a repetition of the turbulence which has marked most of the recent sittings. The Opposition members declined to recognize the new rules of procedure, and greeted the Premier's attempts to speak with a storm of invectives and noisy interruptions.

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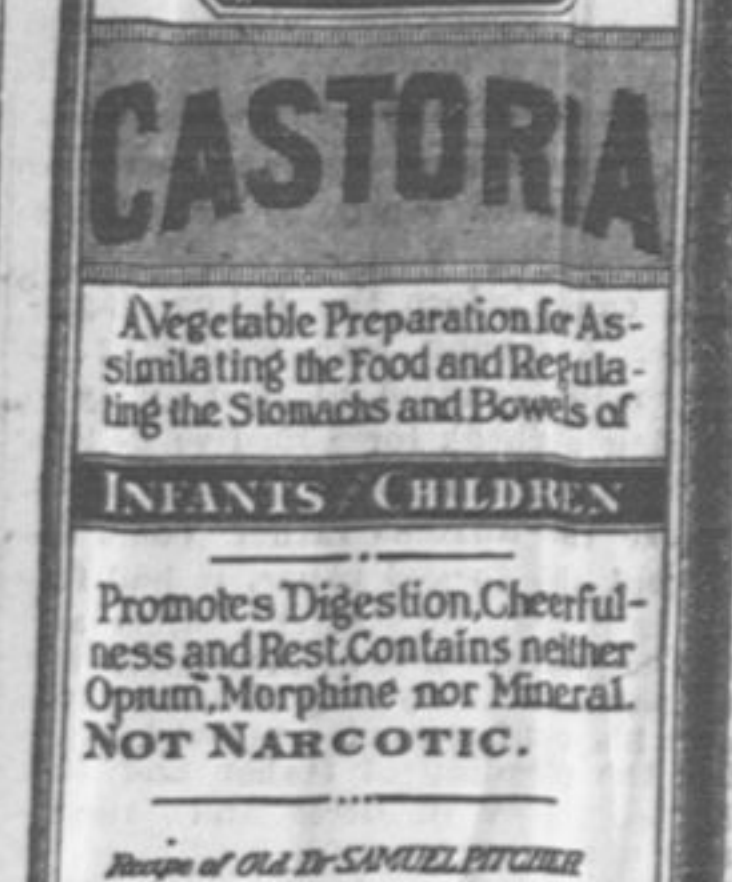
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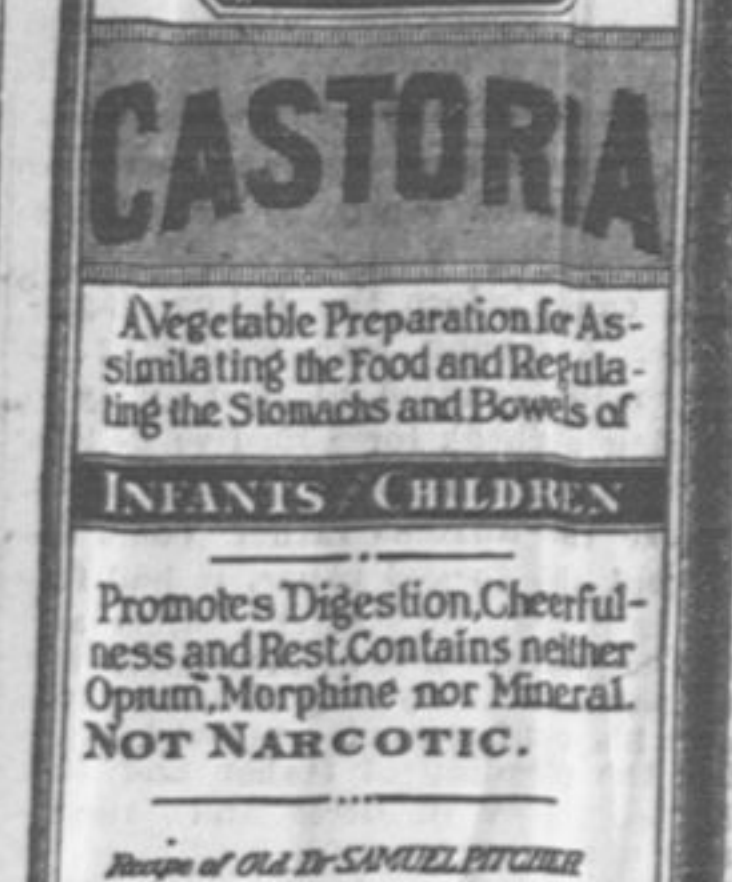
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