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ABBE PROULX' MISSION

Abbe Proulx of Quebec has been commissioned by the Premier of this Dominion, Mr. Laurier, to proceed to Rome and pray that His Holiness the Pope may be pleased to prevent in future his clergy in this country from taking any active part in politics. The Globe's justification of this act is exceedingly lame It says this is a matter for the French Roman Catholics to settle among themselves. We differ. What business has the premier of this country to refer any of its public affairs to any foreign potentate? We are a power within ourselves and only the Queen of England has any right whatever to dictate in any way our public acts. If it is a wrong for the clergy to interfere in politics are we not capable ourselves of dealing with the clergy? Are our laws of no account? If the laws we have are not sufficient to cover the case, as Mr. Laurier apparently admits, cannot our lawmakers make others more satisfactory? Would a protestant premier ever have dreamed of requesting an Anglican or a Methodist bishop to interfere in any action the clergy of those denominations might take in public matters? The absurdity of such a possibility as the latter is too apparent to require an answer. Yet we find the Globe excusing (in a lame way to be sure) this mission of Abbe Proulx. This country wants no missions to Rome outside of private missions. We believe Mr. Laurier has has made a fatal, though natural, error in putting on foot this mission. He did not sufficiently weigh the probable effect it would have upon the people outside his own province. He is not likely to remain long in doubt as to the gravity of it.

And still the Armenian massacres go on, and still the powers? are powerless. The United States is too absorbed in election chaos to think over the matter of joining forces with Britain. Italy and Britain could do nothing because action on their part would involve a European war. Russia is apparently hopefully awaiting such a move. While this state of affairs exists the slaughter of men, women and children of the Christian faith continues. If matters do not adjust themselves shortly the massacres will cease for want of material. It is too awful to contemplate. If Russia is in the position stated she is a national ghoul; and what of the other countries who stand idly by and gaze at the martyrdom with indifferent eyes?

The World went through the wholesale houses last Saturday and discovered that trade throughout the Dominion has a decidedly more cheering aspect and "concludes that the gloom of the hard times that have hung over all countries like a pall for the last few years is certainly, if slowly, disappearing." This is certainly cheering news if true. The evidence, however, has not yet reached this part of Ontario to any perceptible extent. Last year crops were a failure and money had to be borrowed by many for current expenses, relying upon the crops of this year to make payments. With the prices where they are this is found impossible, and many a man cannot realize from his crops this year sufficient to raise the indebtedness incurred last. Those who are in a position to hold for better prices will no doubt reap the reward of their patience, but there are others, and very many, who are absolutely obliged to sell at whatever figure they can get. Taking the country as a whole, however, there are signs that the lowest ebb has been reached, and we can as a whole people look for brighter things.

Great Britain is again after the dervishes on the upper Nile, and the announcement is made that a bloodless victory has been gained. No very great degree of enthusiasm has been awakened by the information. Now if it had occurred in Turkey—

A Challenge

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR:—Please allow me space in your paper to make an offer that may prove beneficial to me and may also give some poor soul a chance to give vent to his feelings, seeing they press him so hard. Now sir I find while I am going around that there is one or two natives of Osprey living very close to the village of Maxwell who are trying if possible, and trying in vain, to do me an injury. One of these in particular is a man with whom, on account of some of his slack doings is very well known, and if I receive a half fair chance the people can have an elegant show to know him still better. He is going around, I am told (not like a roaring lion) but rather in the form of a thief in the night, and if he can run any one in a corner and tell them some little thing, and then wind up with the assertion "do not tell him for mind I cannot prove it," then he is all right. Now sir I have been listening and feeling around for some time and did come to the conclusion at one time that I would treat these parties to a little shoe leather, but have now come to another conclusion, viz. as follows: If any person, man, woman, child, backbiter or sneak, and these names include all the parties, can say and prove anything about me I want them to come right out with it in this paper or any other Canadian paper, sign their name and then I proceed to business. Please do not send what you have to say to some forign paper "for fear any person should see it." Now remember I defy the forgoing to come out and do as I have asked heretofore in my letter, and I want them to either put up or shut up at once. Such people of course are not believed unless by a few like themselves, and these are, I am pleased to say, like hens' teeth—few and far between. My offer is a very fair one as I am not afraid to meet anything I have ever done, either through the press or in any other form. I am of the opinion that I am pretty well known and I can give these parties a list of the places I have been during my life and if they can find anything in any form anywhere let them publish it. Now come on Mr. man who has been whispering and let us hear you talk right out loud so that you can be heard or else dry up at once and then be made a miserable liar.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for your space.

I Remain Yours Respectfully,
J. L. WOOD.

Maxwell, Sept. 20, 1896.

County and District

A new chair factory is to be started in Hanover.

Hon. Mr. Pateason has made a donation of his first sessional allowance to the widow of Mr. Clark.

A Chesley merchant refused to take an American $5 gold piece at par, placing it on the same footing as silver. It was an ultra loyalty case, perhaps.

James Curtis is the owner of an over industrious goose that in the spring performed the usual duties expected of her kind, and she is now busily engaged in laying another lot of eggs.—Chatsworth Banner.

Miss Florence McNevin of Owen Sound has entered an action against the Rev. A. H. Hope, pastor of the Church of Christ in Hillsburg, for breach of promise of marriage. Miss McNevin estimates the damage to her lacerated heart at $5,000. The papers were served by Deputy-sheriff Lamont of Orangeville last Friday.

General News

A hypnotist at Lexington, Kentucky, buried a man for two days, then had him taken up and restored to his natural condition.

The Governor-General has been recommended to commute the capital sentence on the boy Kearney, sentenced to be hanged on October 1 at Lindsay. He will be sent to the Kingston Penitentiary for life.

Mr. Ainsley Megraw, proprietor of the Wiarton Canadian, five or six years ago invested nearly all the money he had in mining property in British Columbia. When the gold boom struck the country, Megraw was right in it, and the other day was offered $36,000 for his claim. Before accepting the offer he decided to pay a personal visit to the gold fields, and he is there by this time.

Credit Auction Sale
—OF—
SHORTHORNS
AT DURHAM ON
Tuesday, October 20th, 1896
AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.
THIRTY-FIVE HEAD
Including Cows, Heifers and Young Bulls.
Terms of Sale:—Twelve months' credit on approved joint notes, or discount at the rate of 6 per cent. for cash.
Catalogues will be ready about the 1st of October.
H. PARKER.
Durham, Sept. 16th

TEACHER WANTED
By order of trustees applications will be received by the undersigned up till October 20th for 2nd or 3rd class experienced teacher to teach S. S. No. 8, Artemesia, for the year 1896. When applying state salary and experience and qualifications. None but an experienced teacher need apply.
GEO. THOMPSON, Sec., S. S. No. 8,
Port Law, P. O., Ont.
Dated Sept. 21st, 1896.

House to Rent
Good brick house and lot to rent in the village of Flesherton. Apply to
WM. H. HALES,
Flesherton P.O
Sep. 17

Court of Revision
Notice is hereby given that a Court will be held, pursuant to the Ontario Voters' List Act, 1889, by his Honor the Judge of the County Court of the County of Grey, at the
Town Hall, Flesherton
—ON—
Friday, 2nd day of October, 1896
at 9.30 o'clock a. m., to hear and determine the several complaints and omissions in the Voters' List for the municipality of Artemesia for 1896. All persons having business at the Court are required to attend at the said time and place.
Dated the 15th day of September, 1896.
W. J. BELLAMY, Clerk.

Mortgage Sale!
—OF—
Village Property
—IN THE—
Village of Flesherton
Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by Hugh McKechnie et ux, to the vendor which will be produced at time of sale, there will be offered for sale by public auction on
Friday, the 9th day of Oct., '96
—AT—
MUNSHAW'S HOTEL
Flesherton, at one o'clock p. m., village lot number one, N. E. side of Mary Street, Munshaw's Survey, of the village of Flesherton, containing one rood, ten perches more or less. On the property are erected a brick dwelling and frame stable.
TERMS: 10 per cent. to be paid to the vendor's agent on day of sale and the balance in cash within ten days.
For further particulars apply to
W. J. BELLAMY, Flesherton
Agent for Vendor

BIG SACRIFICE
Clearing Sale
As my WHOLE STOCK must be sold before 1st November, current buyers will SAVE MONEY by calling upon me before going anywhere else.
. . GREAT BARGAINS . .
Will be given for Cash or Trade.
CALL EARLY
S. M. OSBORNE
EUGENIA, 8TH SEPT. '96

Equal Rights House
The Japs are interested in our tea trade. Our import consignment of Japan Tea has just arrived. It is good value at 30c, but we are going to sell it at 25c per lb. Small profits and quick return is our motto.
Flannellettes
The great cutting in prices of Canadian Flannellettes amongst some of the manufactures, did not cease until we had a dab at them. We are beating the record for cheapness.
GOLF CLOTH
For Capes or Coats is just the thing for fall and winter wear. This cloth does not require any lining as it is check on one side and plain on the other, which adds greatly to the cheapness of the making up of these goods. We have them 54 inches wide at $1.25 per yard and upwards. Also Black, Navy Blue, Beaver, Astrachan and Tweed effects, etc.
Boots, Shoes & Rubbers
A good supply is always kept in stock. We are making a specialty of Hand Made, Grain Leather Long Boots. It will pay you to buy good Boots that will keep your feet dry.
Call and Examine Our Fall Goods
B. McDonald

We Touch The Spot!

FOR PRICES
On seasonable goods, and have full supplies in the following lines:
FLY NETS—Leather and Corded.
DUSTERS,
RUBBER DASH APRONS,
BINDER WHIPS,
RIDING SADDLES,
SWEAT PADS,
AXLE GREASE.
Come in and Examine
W. MOORE
Harnessmaker, Flesherton

To The Public
THE BEST OF
Roller Flour
ALWAYS ON HAND. ALSO
Bran, Shorts,
Rolled Oats,
Standard Oat Meal.
Choice stock of Groceries, Lemons and Oranges. 2 bottles Pickles for 25c—best brand. Don't buy anything but the LEADER CHURN, it is the best. I sell it. A choice line of HARDWARE and GLASSWARE.
R. PEDLAR

SNAPS
FOR THE
FAIR
AT
M. RICHARDSON & CO'S.
In Clothing
We will offer values such as will agreeably surprise customers. Our range of Tweed Suits for men at $4.95, of good cloth, well made, stylish cut, are real bargains.
Boys' Suits
At $1, $2, $3, are right. We have some higher prices.
Overcoats
Is it early for Overcoats? We have some crackers for early buyers. You should see them.
Boots and Shoes
Oats are decidedly low in price and if anything can match them in price it is our Boots and Shoes. Come and see what we are offering in that line, it will do you good.
Dress Goods and Trimmings
Ladies visiting the Fair are respectfully invited to visit our Fair and see our new Dress Goods and Trimmings. We show the choicest stock of the New Boucle Materials in very rich combinations of color and best of all at wholesalers' prices.
In Dress Trimmings
We have the newest things in Sequin Braids and ornaments.
Tweed Suitings
Our all wool Tweed Suitings at 40 cents should attract some attention. These goods were made to sell at 60 cents, mill prices.
Sugar
We have another carload of Sugar on the way. Come in on Fair day and get the biggest dollar's worth of Sugar you ever carried from a store.
M. RICHARDSON & CO.
Hardware Dep't.
Great Bargains On Fair Days. Call And See Them
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