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The sensational Messner failure out near Walkerton is still a topic of interest. Mr. Messner proposed forming a joint stock company among the creditors and appointing a manager to carry on the business, but the creditors do not appear to jump with enthusiasm at his proposal. They appear to have lost considerable faith in Mr. Messner's business acumen.

The Toronto News pretends to actually know that the provincial elections will be brought on in June. While we do not believe the News has methods of obtaining knowledge that no other newspaper has, still it will be just as well for everybody to be thoroughly prepared for such a contingency. And as the winter is a good time for canvassing, why should not our local political societies hold their conventions next month and select their standard bearers. Should the election not come off in June it is possible to select such men as will render it unnecessary to hold a second meeting of ratification, even though we do not see the election until 1898.

The terrible bubonic plague or black death, which is now devastating Bombay in India, is frequently the companion of famine. It is marked by certain livid spots on the body, and death often ensues in a few hours. It has never visited our western continent and appears to be indigenous to Asiatic countries, although it has extended its gaunt arms as far west as Great Britain, which felt its terrible ravages in 1593, 1602, 1625 1636, and for the last time in 1665. During these visitations 165,352 persons perished. Since the above dates its ravages have been confined principally to Asia, and owing to the strenuous exertions to stamp it out it is not likely in this case to spread to Europe, although extensive intercourse renders such a terrible fatality possible. When we hear of this awful thing still existing on earth Eugene Sue's terrible Wandering Jew is brought forcibly to mind. Let us hope that his imperishable figure will not be wafted to our own shores on the mists of black night and the wings of death

That Bad Landlord

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—Your Port Law correspondent of last week made a very unfair reference, if not a vicious one, to a certain landlord and his tenant. It is true he mentioned no names, but he might as well, because of the peculiar circumstances. And writing as your acknowledged correspondent, and incog., he rode a free horse, such as no man having a spark of respect for himself will tolerate, unless he can endure a tissue of misrepresentations. The facts are these: This landlord leased, to the poor tenant referred to, his farm for five years at $100 per annum. It happened that after two years he pressed this bad landlord to cancel the lease, and succeeded, upon the condition of an honorable settlement. The first year's rent was paid in work chiefly, mentioned in the lease, the balance over the $100, I paid him for the second year. However, there was no work ordered, but strange to say, in settling, he billed the landlord with $50. After reflection this bad landlord, on the lines of pity and peace, allowed it. Now $50 remained. Taking in the position of hard times, this bad landlord gave him a piece of additional fencing, and by extravagant charges reduced the balance to a little over $25. This small sum the landlord insisted should be paid, in some way, and landlord and tenant parted with those impressions.

Nothing more was said or done for perhaps two weeks. Meanwhile, by the merest accident, this bad landlord was informed that his tenant was to clear out clandestinely at night, which was proved to be the intent, to parts unknown. Now this bad landlord used the powers he possessed to prevent this poor, abused tenant from doing such a naughty thing. That is all!

But it turned out for the tenant's good. A near friend, as I know, made him a present of the money, and it was settled.

Now Sir, here were $200 for the two years, and the bad landlord only asked $25 and a fraction cash, and that sum, but for circumstances related, would have been lost. It was the mode he adopted that urged me to do what otherwise, and under other circumstances, I certainly would not have done.

Is there a man having a sense of right in possession, who would blame the landlord in this matter? I think not. The tenant should have called and settled by note or otherwise. This tenant has had his own way (and is having it) for by agreement he was to have left the premises two months ago, but is there yet, and that bad landlord, long-suffering as he is, suffers him. I am sorry for this occurrence, for I know it is not the wish of the tenant for such publicity.

LANDLORD.

Distribution of Samples

From the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—During the past nine years, samples of those varieties of grain which have succeeded best on the Experimental Farm have been distributed on application in 3-lb. bags to farmers in all parts of the Dominion, free through the mail The object in view in this distribution has been to add to the productiveness and improve the quality of these important agricultural products throughout the country by placing within reach of every farmer pure seed of the most vigorous and productive sorts. This work has met with much appreciation and a considerable degree of success.

Instructions have been given by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to make a similar distribution this season. Owing to the very large number of applications now received it is not practicable to send more than one sample to each applicant, but with this limitation it is hoped that the stock available will be sufficent to permit of every farmer who so desires sharing in the benefits of this useful branch of the work of the Experimental Farms.

The distribution now in progress consists of some of the most promising sorts of Oats, Barley, Spring Wheat, Pease, Field Corn and Potatoes. Requests for samples may be sent to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, at any time before the 1st of March, but after that date the lists will be closed so that the applications then on hand may be filled before seeding begins. All communications can be sent free of postage. It is desirable that each applicant should name the variety which he desires to test, also one or two alternative sorts in case the stock of the sort chosen should be exhausted. While no promise can be made that the variety asked for will be sent, the wishes of correspondents will be attended to as far a practical. The samples of grain will be sent early, but potatoes cannot be distributed until the danger of injury in transit by frost is over.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director, Experimental Farm.

Ottawa, January 5, 1897.

Proton Council

Proton council met for organization in Hopeville on January 11th, 1897. The following gentlemen made the declaration of qualification and office, and took their seats: Reeve, Pat. Shaw; Deputy Reeve, Dan. Wilson; Councillors, John B. Anderson, Jas. Corbett, Geo. Wright. Minutes of 1896 read and approved, also report of election and by-laws for appointments to office, etc.

Wright—Wilson—That Alex. Gillespie be auditor in behalf of the council. Pay $7 each. Carried

Moved in amendment by Corbett and Anderson—That John A. Cooper be auditor. Lost.

The reeve appointed John S. McMillan.

Corbett—Anderson—That Geo. Wright be member local board of health for two years, in place of George Watson, resigned, Div. 3; David Wilson, Div. 1, for three years.

Wilson—Wright—That Thos. McCauley be assessor for 1897, his salary to be $50. Carried.

Corbett—Anderson, in amendment—That John P. Cowan be assessor. Lost.

Wilson—Wright—That bylaw No. 1 1897, for pay of council; bylaw No. 2. appointment of auditors; bylaw No 3, appointment of members local board of health; bylaw No. 4, appointment of assessor; bylaw No. 5, doing away with dog tax, be read 1st, 2nd and 3rd, passed, etc.

That the road commissioners for 1897 be: D. Wilson, Div. 1; Pat. Shaw, Div. 2; Geo. Wright, Div. 3; J. B. Anderson, Div. 4; Jas. Corbett, Div. 5

Corbett—Wilson—That the clerk notify Artemesia council to pay over to treas. township of Proton $26, as Artemesia's share under award of ditches and watercourses, as Proton council have paid the whole amount, $52 to the contractor, Jno. Hodgins, at December meeting. 1896

Corbett—Anderson—The bill of H. E. Glendinning, amounting to $39.17, for 100 financial statements, election supplies, etc. for 1897, be paid.

That the collector receive $16.63 in full of arrears, 1893, against lot 229, R. 3. being arrears charged on collector's roll.

Wright—Corbett—That Jos. Philips be paid $26 25, grant, Proton's share for bridge, townline Proton and Artemesia.

Wilson—Anderson—That Duff Patterson be paid $2 for work, Div. 1, 1896.

Wilson—Wright—That the collector receive the taxes of Wm. McMurdo, less $1.50, stat. labor performed but charged on roll.

Corbett—Anderson—That the reeve and deputy be a committee to examine treas. sureties, and report at next meeting.

The council now adjourned to meet at the Queen's hotel, Dundalk, February 20th, 1897.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Owen Sound Work," will be received at this office until Friday, the 5th day of February next, inclusively, for the construction of sheet piling at Owen Sound, Grey County, Ontario, according to a plan and specification to be seen at the office of the Town Clerk, Owen Sound, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, for one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.00), must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 31st Dec., 1896.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Peawick Of the Township of Artemesia, in the County of Grey, Farmer, Insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that the above named insolvent has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects for the general benefit of his creditors, under R.S.O. 1887, Chapter 124 and amending Acts thereto.

An adjourned meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of Frost & Batson, Sproule's Block Flesherton, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving an offer from the insolvent and fixing the remuneration of the Inspectors and ordering the affairs of the estate generally

Creditors are requested to file their claims with me, duly proven, as required by statute, with vouchers attached, on or before the first day of February, 1897, after which date I shall proceed to distribute the assets of the estate, having regard only to those claims of which I shall then have received notice.

MATTHEW RICHARDSON,
Merchant, Flesherton, Ont.
Assignee

FROST & BATSON, Solicitors, for Assignee, Owen Sound, Ont.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1896.

FLESHERTON STEAM LAUNDRY.

I have opened up a complete steam laundry in Flesherton, and am prepared to take in any quantity of laundry work at lower prices than are charged elsewhere. I have put in the latest and most improved machinery to that end. Kindly give me a call. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, and prices low.

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- BARGAINS -

This month cuts deeply into prices and the shrewd buyer who has waited for a good opportunity now takes advantage of it. Any person who will look at our pile of O-V-E-R-C-O-A-T-S prices from $5.00 to $8.00 all cut down to one figure

$3.75

Will See we Mean Business

Come and look at our table of Ladies' MANTLES and JACKETS. Figures cut right down. Your choice of the lot for $2.95 indicates what January prices will be.

Mantle Cloths and Golf Cloakings

We have a nice assortment in these lines and are offering them at cut prices.

FURS BARGAINS IN FURS

FURS are quite seasonable yet as the genuine winter weather is only just commencing, but we will refuse no reasonable offer for anything in this line. Our fur sales have been encouraging—we have only one Fur Mantle and six Fur Capes left. These are elegant goods—all new, selected skins. Come and make us an offer for them.

Men's Underwear

Notwithstanding our large sales in this line we have still a splendid assortment of heavy weights ☞ Bargain prices during JANUARY.

The Millinery Season

Is over, yet we have some nice goods left—we offer them at half prices during JANUARY.

Bargains in Staple Dry Goods

40 dozen Bleached Towels, 2c each or 20c dozen.
10 dozen Linen Towels (red border) 7c each or 75c dozen.
20 White Bed Quilts, large sizes, 95c.
38-inch White Cotton, 6c yard.
34-inch Grey Cotton, 3c yard.
Job Line Grey Flannels, 8c yard.
Heavy Crash Towelling, extra wide, 5c yard.
Women's Wool Hose, full sizes, 15c pr.

January Bargains in Footwear

Felt Boots, 4 buckle, regular $2.50, selling for $1.75.
Felt Boots, 4 buckle, No. 1 quality, regular $2.75, selling for $2 25.
Moccassins, No. 1, hair lined oil tanned, regular $1.60, selling for $1.20.
Moccassins, No 1, oil tanned, regular $1.35, selling for $1.10.
Men's Genuine Gum Rubbers, $1.15 pair.
Men's Long Manitoba Overshoes, regular $2 85, selling for $2 25.
Men's Lined Overshoes, $1.25. Women's Felt Lined Overshoes, $1 20
Child's Gum Rubbers, buckled, 85c.

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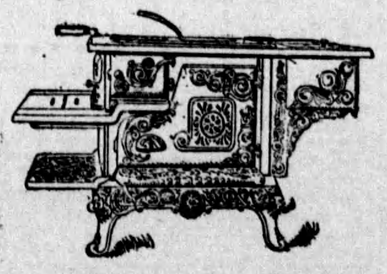

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Gravy Pitchers, worth from 20c to 35c, for 10c.
Butter Pads, in brown, blue and white, worth 35c, for 20c dozen.
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