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OUR TAXATION

As a usual thing figures are not as entertaining as a romance, but they are more practical, and while reading romance is an indulgence, a luxury, the reading and studying of figures is a necessity in this practical age, and what is more interesting in this line than when the figures pertain to the individual pocketbook. From the last report of the Bureau of Industries for Ontario we glean the following facts relative to the manner in which we are taxed in this county. First we will give a table of ratepayers and taxation per head per township, for the year 1895, as follows:

	No. of Ratepayers	Taxes Per Head
Artemesia	1116	$ 3.01
Bentinck	1557	3.24
Collingwood	1208	4 45
Derby	638	3.25
Egremont	840	3.62
Euphrasia	1097	2.91
Glenelg	938	2.43
Holland	1088	1.90
Keppel	1133	2.96
Normanby	1104	3.49
Osprey	1024	2.10
Proton	944	3.32
St. Vincent	1051	3.89
Sarawak	521	3 62
Sullivan	928	2.72
Sydenham	1097	2.82

Collingwood township has the honor of carrying the highest taxation and Holland the lowest, with Osprey next. Artemesia is by no means high compared with others, there being eight townships in the county carrying higher taxes than this. Taking the towns in the county and comparing them with the rural municipalities we see that they are taxed nearly twice as high.

	No. of Ratepayers	Taxes Per Head
Durham	436	$ 5.70
Meaford	645	5.96
Owen Sound	2251	9.40
Thornbury	314	4.18
Dundalk	264	3.18
Markdale	212	2.24

Considering the county as a whole the taxation has remained practically the same for the past ten years. In 1886 it was $3.62 per head; in 1895 $3.94 per head, or a fractional rise from 12.1 to 12.8 mills on the $.

The local newspaper depends almost wholly upon its local news for value and interest to readers. It is a news exchange. If you know of anything that you would yourself be interested in reading hand it in for publication. Other individuals should do likewise and thus an exchange of news is made and every reader finds something to entertain him in each issue. Don't say it is not worth while because *you* know all about it. If the editor ran his paper on such narrow principles he would run himself to the poorhouse and his paper where they plant fence posts. If fifty people will hand in a separate item of news each we will guarantee to tell them forty-nine things that they have not heard. Try it.

The Ontario Legislature will meet on Wednesday next, Jan. 10, and the Dominion Parliament on Thursday, March 11. Not much interest centres around the Legislature, but this cannot be said of the Dominion House.

The Poor Tenant

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR—I think this landlord has made some wilful mistake, or has a very poor memory. It is very true that I rented his place for $100 per year, and I went to this landlord this fall and told him that I was going to give up his place; that I could not make a living on it. I never pressed this landlord to take back his place, but he pressed me to keep it on and he would pay the taxes. I paid this landlord for the first year's rent $100 in work, which was mentioned in the lease. Now I do not know what he means when he says that he paid me the balance of the $100 on this year's rent, for he never did, to my knowledge. He admits himself that I billed him for $50 and $50 remained. Now this landlord says there was no work ordered. He came on the place when I was building this fence and he did not forbid me to build it, but told me to come and get more wire if I had not enough. When the fence was finished I billed the landlord with it, and he would not allow me pay for the work I did. Now, this last piece of fencing that the landlord ordered me to do I did according to the lease, so I do not see how he can say that I was extravagant in my charges; and for the remaining $25 I offered him all the straw that grew on the place. I do not know who informed the landlord that I intended to clear out clandestinely at night for parts unknown, but whoever did, if there was anyone, told a downright falsehood, and I defy anyone to prove it. It was published in these columns where I was going. Now this money never was made a present of to me to my knowing. I never cheated any one out of a dollar in my life, and I never intend to; and I think that I am as honest as the landload. But a bad excuse is better than none. I never had my way in anything. The landlord deceived me. I signed an agreement, as I thought, to give the landlord liberty to relet his place if he got a chance before my term was out, but instead of that I signed my right away, which the landlord knew at the time, and I do not think there is justice or honesty in any man that would want to turn a tenant off his place at the end of nine months when he has paid rent for one year, and not allow him feed the straw that he grew on the place.

I am sorry that I was forced to answer this landlord's letter, but I saw that it was necessary, as there were so many things that I knew were wrong.

TENANT

It Looks Like Railway

Prospects Bright for the H. & O. Electric Railway

From the Globe of Friday

If the arrangements that were talked over at a meeting held in the Walker House yesterday afternoon and last night are brought to a head it will not be long before the northwestern portion of this Province will have an electric railway in full operation. The Provisional Board of Directors of the Huron & Ontario Electric Railway held a business meeting to consider a proposal for the construction of the road.

The scheme is a rather ambitious one, and one that means the outlay of several millions of dollars. The road is projected to run from Port Perry on Lake Scugog to Kincardine on Lake Huron, a distance of 191 miles from east to west. Two branches will act as feeders to the maine line, one from Flesherton to Meaford, 28 miles, and the other from Walkerton to Goderich, 55 miles, making a total mileage of 274 miles.

The proposed road touches the towns and villages of Port Perry, Uxbridge, Sandford, Mount Albert, Sharon, Holland Landing, Bradford, Bond Head, Beeton, Rosemont, Shelburne, Badjeros, McIntyre, Feversham, Eugenia, Flesherton, Priceville, Meaford, Durham, Hanover, Walkerton, Greenock, Riverdale, Kinloss, Bervie, Kincardine, Tiverton, Kimberley, Formosa, Teeswater, Wingham, Lucknow, Dungannon and Goderich.

The main line touches the Grand Trunk Railway at both teminal points, where it also connects with the trade of Lake Scugog and lake Huron. It crosses the Grand Trunk Railway at Uxbridge, Mount Albert, Bradford, Beeton, Durham, Hanover, and Walkerton. It touches the Canadian Pacific Railway at Shelburne, and crosses the same line at Flesherton.

Among the directors attending the meeting yesterday were M. McNamara, Pesident, Walkerton; A. McK Cameron, Secretary, Meaford; J. M. Roberts, Treasurer, Dungannon; A. E. Scanlon, solicitor for the company, Bradford; H. J. Rolston, Shelburne; W. Laidlow, Durham; H. H. Miller, Hanover; J. G. Murdock, Lucknow; W. R. Thompson, Teeswater; N. McGinnes, Tiverton; Andrew Malcolm, Kincardine; J. R. Shannon, Goderich; Thorp Wright, Flesherton; John Humberston, Ripley; W. H. Marcon, Toronto; J. K. McKinnon, Badjeros.

The present company have obtained their charter and also the right of way from the various municipalities through which the proposed road is to pass. They have been in negotiation with several firms of N. York contractors with a view to having them undertake the construction of the road. Stock is to be issued to the extent of $2,000,000 and bonds for $5,000,000, the contractors to be secured by the bonds.

At yesterday's meeting a communication was submitted from a New York contracting firm, stating that if some additional engineering details were furnished they would be prepared to take the contract and go on with the construction of the road. The particular information required is that relating to the construction of bridges and culverts, the location and extent of water power along the route and also in respect to the power necessary to overcome some of the heavy grades along the route. Mr. alfred Brunel, C. E., the company's engineer, was instructed to prepare the necessary report to be forwarded to New York, and the meeting was then adjurned to meet again at the call of the President.

A strange freak in the animal kingdom may be seen at the farm of Geo. Shelton, on the town line of Dereham and West Oxford, two miles east of Hagel's Corners Mr. Shelton owns a sow which would weigh about 200 pounds. A few weeks ago it refused food of any kind for nine days and then commenced to eat and appeared to be doing well. On Christmas morning it shed its skin from its body except the feet and lower parts of body and appeared as if parboiled, but continues to eat heartily and appears to be as well as ever. The owner intends to allow it to live and watch for new developments. The hid lies beside the pen, and those who have seen the hog state that it is the strangest thing they have come across.

No business man not yet dead in the shell but can see even in dull times an opportunity to let the world know that he is alive. In advertising one's business it is perhaps three times out of four a blind and fatal mistake to leave the public in the dark as to whether the store is still running and the owner thereof alive or dead. No merchant can be effectually downed by a spell of depression. Consumers do not quit the world as some gentlemen did in the days of Noah, and if unable to purchase what they want to-day, the same need speaks for itself to-morrow. When the wind is low, mend your sails, and the man who is prepared for the breeze is the man most benefitted by the same.—Ex.

WANTED

Young women and men, or older ones if still young in spirit, of undoubted character good talker, ambitious and industrious, can find employment in a good cause, with $60 per month and upwards, according to ability
Rev. T. S. Linscott, Toronto, Ont.

Tenders Wanted

Sealed tenders for the erection of a school house for section 15, Artemesia. Plans and specifications may be seen at R. & A. Neilson's store, Proton, after the 9th of Feb. and up to 12 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 20th. Lowest tenders or no tender necessarily accepted. Address
Secretary School Board,
Proton Station.

Hog for Service

The undersigned has a thoroughbred Berkshire Boar for service on lot 2, con. 5. township of Osprey. Terms, 75 cents at time of service.
C. W. CROFT, Prop.

Clubbing List

Advance and daily World	$2.80
" " News	1.80
" Montreal Herald	1.80
" " Witness	1.80
" Youths' Companion	2.35
" Weekly Globe	1.55
" Sun	1.40

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTIES

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ARTEMESIA
IN THE COUNTY OF GREY

THERE WILL BE SOLD ON

Monday, Feb. 23rd, '97

AT 11 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON AT

MUNSHAW'S Hotel, in the Town of FLESHERTON

By virtue of Powers of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage which will be produced at the sale, the following Property:

Lots 189 and 190 in the first concession, north east of the Toronto and Sydenham Road, in the said township of Artemesia, containing 100 acres more or less, save and except one acre sold for school purposes.

The following improvements are said to be on the premises: About 65 acres cleared having erected thereon a frame concrete dwelling and frame barn. The lands are watered by small spring creek.

TERMS: 15 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid down on the day of sale. For balance terms will be made known at the sale.

For further particulars apply to
JONES, MACKENZIE & LEONARD
Solicitors, Toronto St., Toronto
or R. J. SPROULE, Flesherton

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W. J. HOWARD, Prop.

M. Richardson & Co

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FEBRUARY BUYERS ! ! ! !

Stock-Taking Stock-Taking

Before our annual Stock-Taking we have decided to reduce our winter stock to the lowest possible limit, and to this end have CUT PRICES right down on all winter goods to clear. We don't intend to carry these lines over to next season —THEY MUST GO, and at these figures will go quickly.

SEASONABLE GOODS AT BARGAIN PRICES

MEN'S WEAR . .

Full Cloth Pants, regular $1.75 selling	$1.25
Corduroy Vest, regular $1 75 selling (fashionable goods)	1.25
Astrakhan Caps, regular 55c selling	.39
Hare Seal Caps, regular $1.50 selling	1.10
Beaver Oppossum Caps, regular $3.00 selling	2.25
Lined Overshoes, regular $1.50 selling	1.25
Heavy All-wool Drawers (a special drive) regular 75c selling	.49
Heavy Flannelettes Shirts, regular 65c selling	.50
Unlaundered White Shirts, regular 55c selling	.35
Heavy Suspenders, regular 15c selling	.10
Heavy All-wool Arctic Sox	.20
Heavy All-wool Sox	.15
Lined Kid Driving Gloves, regular 75c selling	.45

WOMEN'S WEAR

Felt Overshoes, regular $1.50 selling	$ .95
Felt Boots (foxed) regular $1.75 selling	1.50
Lined Rubbers, regular 55c selling	.40
Cardigan Rubbers, regular $1.50 selling	1.20
Misses' Cardigan Rubbers, regular $1 25 selling	1.00
Lined Kid Gloves, regular $1.25 selling	.63
Lined Kid Mitts, regular $1.00 selling	.59

☞ WOOL SHAWLS. All colors, different sizes, at bargain prices to clear.

WINTER Dress Goods

36-inch Double Fold Dress Goods, regular 16c selling	$ .12½
40-inch Double Fold Dress Goods, regular 20c selling	.15
42-inch Double Fold Dress Goods, regular 30c selling	.22

☞ All WINTER DRESS GOODS at clearing prices.

MANTLES

We have sold Winter Mantles this week as low as $1.00 each.

We have some yet that cost us $5, $6 and $7 each, all selling at one price now

. . $2.95

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

STOCK-TAKING SALE

This is a genuine sale. We have too many goods. We want the room for our spring stock. No trouble to show you the articles.

COME - ALONG AND LOOK THROUGH - COME

Patty Pans, regular 10c dozen for	$ .7	Clothes Brushes, regular 15c for	$ .10
Window Shades, regular 50c for	.39	Gravy Pitchers, regular 25c for	.10
Pint Tin Cups, regular 5c for	.3	Slate Pencils, regular 10c box for	.7
1 gal. Milk Crocks, regular 13c for	.10	Granite Pudding Dishes, regular 20c for	.14
White Granite Wash Basins, regular 30c for	.20	Black Prince Razors, regular 50c for	.35
Bedroom Hand Lamps, regular 25c for	.19	Cuspidores, regular 20 for	.12
Large Rockingham Tea-Pots, regular 25c for	.20	Sad Iron Handles, regular 20c for	.13
Tin Wash Basins, regular 10c for	.5	Fancy Black Tea-Pots regular 30c for	.10
52-pieced Dinner Sett, regular $10 for	6.75	Improved Champion X-Cut-Saws, complete with Handles and File, regular $3 for	2.00
Fire Shovels, regular 10c for	.4		

Rats ! Bats !

HOW ARE YOU OFF FOR MICE? We have the best traps for them made. It is not sure death at forty rods, but it KILLS when they come in sight. IT IS CALLED THE

Out-o-Sight !

We include STOVES in our Stock-Sale so if you need one COME ALONG and we will give you a bargain.

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