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Three bye elections were held on Thursday last, viz.: in East Simcoe, North Ontario and South Brant. The first of these returned a Conservative the second a Patron-Reformer and the third a straight Grit.

Pay what you can, should be the motto of every man in these days of money stringency and depression. If you cannot pay all your debts pay as much as you can of them. Divide up, and make money circulate as freely as possible. In that way times will be made as good as it is possible to make them, and very frequently a portion of a debt will be a source of the very greatest relief to the man to whom it is paid.

A convention is called at Rocklyn of East and Centre Grey Conservatives for the 16th inst. The object of the meeeting is to select a candidate for the Ontario Legislature, but it is just a little doubtful if this will be done. In case it is, we would strongly advise the convention to select a man of ability and one who will add some lustre to the constituency. The time is gone by when a "yellow dog" can be elected in East Grey if he is a Conservative dog. At least there should be no chances taken on him.

We devote considerable space this week to the proceedings of the county council. Not only is this done as a matter of news, but to prove that the sixteen gentlemen who now sit at the board are quite as capable, and have done the business quite as well, as the 54 who in the past have jollied their time away in the county town. On this occasion, too, the work was done as expeditiously as heretofore. The business could have been got through with on Friday had it not been for dilatory returns of certain officials.

The king of Benin, in Africa, ordered the killing of a lot of unarmed British travellers in his country not long ago, and now dares Britain to come on, intimating his intention to meet her half way. As a general rule these "way back" potentates do not know what they are fooling with until they are overwhelmed, and doubtless in this instance the Billy Patterson of Benin will wonder what in the mischief it was that hit him and will wish that he hadn't Benin such a hurry with his defiance.

It is now possible to make some sort of an estimate of what the savings to this county will be under the new County Council law. Figures of the cost of the late election foot up to about four hundred dollars, including $50 of an extra allowance to the County Clerk. There is a saving in the salaries of 48 members, which amounted to $16 each at a conservative estimate, for a session, making $784. The three sessions would bring this up to $2352. Subtracting $400, the cost of an election and extra clerical work, would leave a clear gain to the county of $1952. And should Mr. McKinnon's motion carry at the June session the saving would further mount up to $2108. We feel quite safe in estimating that the saving will amount to $2000. This is a nice bit of economy, but we understand that other county expenses have grown during the past year until they have much more than eaten up this saving, which is not a matter for congratulation.

That Bad Landlord

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—That poor tenant, in your last issue, is only another sample of a person whose miscalculations and disappointments lead him to color circumstances to meet his own emergencies, and I regret the necessity to point them out.

Sometime early in October, I think, this poor tenant came to be relieved of his lease, which had three years more to run; I acquiesced, upon the clear understanding that he was to leave the place about the first of November, but I am going up the lake, said he, and as soon as I come back, will thresh, settle up and go myself and family. The bargain then was that he might sell the straw to persons, to feed on the place, providing it was dealt out in the day time, for it was of no value to me. When he returned he was asked whether his purposes regarding the place were the same, and whether I might lease the place His answer was most positively affirmative. But having some doubt, and believing the true business method was to ratify by a written agreement, he signed one, without dissent. Here it is: After recording on lease the $50 settlement, it says, "and I hereby terminate this lease from this day"—November 17, 1896, under which his signature was placed. This was merely a ratification of the original verbal agreement. How mean then, to say I deceived him? Here is something too funny to pass over—"I never pressed this landlord to take back the place, but he pressed me to keep it on and he would pay the taxes." It wasn't so bad for the landlord to do that, was it? The tenant is sorely pressed to make a case—call it what he pleases. The fact is, as he states himself, he came to give it up, a thing he could not do without my consent. If I had wanted the lease cancelled, his charge would have been likely $100! But, acting from a principle of sympathy and kindness, I gave him clear upon the condition of honorable settlement and his own proposition to leave about the first of November. I couldn't relet safely without his written discharge. The subsequent facts show the wisdom of my procedure. What he failed to understand in my last was from bad punctuation and want of a capital letter It should have read, "The balance over $100 I paid him. For the second year, however," etc. But a party to the transaction should have understood. After describing, for a special line fence between Thompson and myself, where everything was to be taken from the swamp, and which was never built, the lease says: "The lessor agrees to pay the sum of *fifteen cents* per rod for building a straight fence, or fences, *where directed*. The lessor will furnish the necessary wire." Nothing could be more explicit. The fifteen cents included all charges. Yet, although not a foot was ordered at all, previous to settlement of Nov. 17, he bills me with $50 (including a fence he says I saw, built for his own personal benefit that he might pasture the bush—a fence I never dreamed of paying for) with charges about 25 per cent above the price as above stated But it was all allowed, for peace sake only. It shows how far astray this tenant is when he says I "had my own way." Up to Nov. 17 there was no change of purpose on his part. He was still going somewhere, and it matured in Muskoka as the spot. Everything, almost, in preparation; cattle sold, goods packed, and friends had gone the previous evening for a farewell. And he says himself folks knew he was going to Muskoka, but he defies persons to prove he was leaving clandestinely. I should be glad indeed if it were true, but I confess things looked rather suspicious, and when charged with it personally, in my office, at the first settlement, he did not deny it. But those, with other circumstances, prevented this tenant leaving at all, and with it came the afterthought, born of necessity, to still keep the premises "to feed the straw," he says, and the hardship of paying for a year with possession only of "nine months." These counted for nothing when I consented to take the place back, nor even the day before I took means to get my pay. Now, had this tenant asked me civilly to grant him leave to occupy the premises, under the unpleasant circumstances I could not have said no; but the place is re leased with the verbal understanding of possession at any time, and this tenant is decidedly wrong in holding it I wish to refer to one assertion of his, that he "did work I refused to pay him for." I gave him a special job to assist him out of his difficulty—127 rods of old fence to straighten—the lease price was 15 cents a rod; and as is seen, covers everything, but after allowing 25 per cent. over the 15 cents per rod, he billed me with three days' work, which I refused to pay I could have got this work done for $15 by several, yet he had no scruples whatever. This tenant went in for trumps, and succeeded except in this case. I will do this tenant the justice, however, to say that during many years I have never heard of dishonesty at his hands, which makes this case the more surprising I shall not again refer to him or his case publicly, but will take other means to compel him to stick to his agreement. Regretting the necessity for this long explanation, I am, sir, LANDLORD.

Two cases of "black quarter" among cattle is reported from Amaranth. The disease is very fatal and infectious.

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

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BEST OPEN AIR RINK in the county—5x130 ft.

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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.

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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 land 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.

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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	.50

☞ 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
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