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The resignation of Mr. Lount in Centre Toronto has created a large amount of passing wonder. It was almost impossible for the ordinary politician to understand that such a move could be made from disinterested motives only, and a judgship was the smallest prize at which he was aiming. But not so. Mr. Lount explained his motive in plain English when he said he was not wealthy and could not afford to be a politician. The indenimity offered by parliament, though so large, was insufficient to induce him to neglect his business for the business of the country, and this was his sole motive for resigning. It is interesting to note that this is the first instance on record of a perfectly honest resignation of a seat in the Canadian Parliament. All others that have gone before were for the purpose of crawling into a softer berth.

Was it in all sincerity, or was its as a hyocritical weapon used to obtain power that the Liberal pary have for years past advocated free trade as the chief item in their political confession of faith? This is the pertinent question now being asked by thousands of electors who have always considered themselves orthodox Liberals. The change was made. The Liberal leaders were given a chance to fulfil their pledges. Have they done, or even attempted to do it? In Centre Toronto the Liberal candidate is an out and out protectionist. In this connection the Farmers' Sun, which is strong in editoral talent, says: "It has long been suspected that the Liberals had tipped the wink to the manufacturers. Mr. Geo. Bertram, n accepting the Liberal nomination for Centre Toronto, declared that the tariff should be taken out o politics, and that the present tariff should stand unchanged for 10 years at least. From Mr. Bertram's position in the party, it is just to assume that he has not made this declaration without the approval of his superiors. The Liberal surrender to protection is therefore, complete. The teaching of 25 years, and the solemn pledges given prior to the general election, are distinctly relinquished. It is said that the Conservatives hesitate to oppose Mr. Bertram, because the protected interests are now in the Liberal camp. The farmers who fought for trade reform under the Liberal flag have been betrayed."

The County Rates

To the Eitor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—I understand that a number of people are finding fault with the present County Council for allowing the county rate to be increased this year, to a larger sum than last year. In fact, I have been asked this question several times, and for the purpose of making the matter plain to the ratepayers of the several municipalities of the county, I have considered it only fair to place the state of the financial condition of the county at the end of 1896 before the public. And as I was a member of the council of 1896 and 1897, I should certainly know the facts of the case. I would say at the outset that all the reeves and deputy reeves who sat in the council of 1896 could have plainly explained the matter to the ratepayers of the municipalities if they had taken the trouble to do so, as they knew perfectly well at the December session of 1896 that there was a deficit of $4960, and in the face of this the Council voted an additional liability of a grant to the volunteers of the 31st battalion of $999, making a total of $5959, which deficit was left as a legacy for the present Council, and for which every member of the previous council was responsible. And to make the evidence of my statements indisputable I will publish herewith a letter from S. J. Parker, Esq., County Treasurer, which was handed to the Warden and was read in open council during the December session of 1896. I trust this statement of facts will enable to place the blame for increasing the county rate where it belongs and not charge the present Council with putting the burden upon them as an act of their own.

C. R. SING.

County Treasurer's Office,
Owen Sound, Ont., Nov. 30, 1896.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Grey:

GENTLEMEN,—In view of the probable request at the present session for further grants, I deem it necessary to draw your attention to the state of our finances at the present time.

For several years my estimates have received more or less pruning, and that without a corresponding diminution of the expenditure, resulting in a gradual over-lapping of our accounts, so that the rate provided for one year has been encroached upon to meet the deficit of the previous year. To day we have in the banks and on hand $1105, and expect in a few days $840 from the Ontario government on account of criminal justice expenditure for 3rd quarter of 1896. Our probable payments for the month of December, under every head, will aggregate the sum of $6905, leaving an unprovided balance of $4960, which must be met out of the rate provided for the expenditure of 1897. Any grants your council may make this session will increase the deficit by the amount of said * grants.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant, [Sgd] S. J. PARKER,
Co. Treasurer.

*NOTE—At the December session of 1896 the County Council made a grant of $999 to the 31st Battalion, which, added to the deficit as shewn by the Treasurer, of $4960, would make the deficit $5959.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the letter of County Treasurer to the County Council at December session 1869. JNO. RUTHERFORD,
County Clerk.

A Dakota Lynching

A friend has sent us a copy of a St. Paul paper containing full particulars of the lynching of the murderers of the Spicer family, who were at one time residents of Dundalk. One of the self confessed murderers had been found guilty and sentenced to be hung, but a new trial was granted on a technicality, and the people were afraid the criminals would escape justice. There were five supposed to be implicated. Two are now in Bismarck jail awaiting trial, and as the three which were lynched were relied on to give evidence against the other two, there can be no conviction in their case and they will be set free. Thus by an attempt to prevent the miscarriage of justice, justice has been partially thwarted. The crime for which these men suffered at the hands of an enraged people was committed on Feb. 17 of last year, in which the whole Spicer family, consisting of Thos. Spicer, his wife, a married daughter, a Mrs. Waldron and two babies were brutally massacreed. Jewellery belonging to members of the household was found in possession of some Indians and two of them made a complete confession of the crime, implicating five bad characters. Three of these have been summarily dealt with and it is probable that the other two will have justice meted out to them in some grim form. The St. Paul Despatch gives the following account of the lynching:

There were about forty men concerned in the lynching. They rode into Williamsport on horseback late at night and tethered their horses a short distance from the city, that they might secure them again as speedily as necessary after the deed was done. The jail in which the prisoners were confined is a substantial stone structure, and was in charge of Deputy Sheriff Kelly. Since the confinement of the prisoners, so great has been the fear they might escape that one man has marched all night within the jail, and Saturday night Kelly was on watch.

There was a meeting of the lodge of Woodmen in a building near the jail, and as Kelly was a member, he expected to meet some of the members of the lodge after the meeting had adjourned to consult with them about some matters under consideration by the lodge. To while away the time during the night hours he was playing solitaire at a little table in front of the cells in which the murderers were confined.

About 2 o'clock in the morning there was a rap at the outer door of the jail and Kelly arose quickly and turned the key in the lock, thinking that the persons he had expected to meet had arrived. No sooner had he opened the door than the mob crowded into the small jail corridors. All were masked and the leaders carried new ropes, purchased for the occasion.

Kelly at once realized that the mob had come after his prisoners. The lynchers were quiet but determined. The leader presented a revolver at the head of the deputy sheriff and told him they wanted his prisoners, and demanded that he open the cells in which they were confined. Kelly demurred, but the leader of the mob told him that they desired to gain access to the cells, and while they did not wish to harm him, it was useless for him to resist. Kelly saw that resistence was us less and unlockey the cells. Two of the prisoners were confined in one cell and the other in a separate cell. They had been aroused from sleep by the entrance of the men, and sat up half awake and trembling with terror. Hedy Track and Ireland were dragged from their beds, ropes were fastened about their necks and they were dragged out of the jail building, after being told to prepare for death. The mob had more consideration for Coudot, since the other two had confessed their crimes, but Coudot had not, and the mob desired to learn from him whether two others who are under arrest for the crime were guilty. Coudot was allowed to wala. He made slight resistance but it was futile. There are no trees in the vicinity of the jail and the mob was first at a loss for a scaffold. The men were hurried to an adjacent well and an attempt made to hang them to the curbing, but it proved impossible. They were then dragged to a log shack near by and an attempt was made to hang them from the ends of the projecting logs, but this effort also proved unavailing. A huge beef windlass, which had been erected to suspend the carcasses of slaughtered beeves, then offered the means sought for, and the men were dragged to this and strung up on a cross beam.

County Council

The report of the special committee re the testing of sugar beets was read at the Thursday afternoon session and aroused considerable discussion. Mr. Stephens thought that with care 30 to 40 tons per per acre could be raised. Mr. Sing, who represented the eastern section of the county, had appointed Mr. Wm. T. Arthur, a practical farmer, who reported that the patches which he examined yielded 17 to 24 tons per acre. Owing to poor cultivation and bad weather the crop had not been a success, but the industry would be a good one if well attended to. From the combined report it would seem that sugar beets are planted in almost every district; that all land except what is to heavy is well adapted for the production of sugar beets; that the best results are got from sowing on the level, and that the farmers are willing to give it a fair trial.

It was moved by Mr. McColman, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the clerk be instructed to prepare and have printed 3000 copies of the tabulated statement regarding the municipal grants made for indigents and that these statements be sent to the various councils for distribution. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the council instruct the County Treasurer to have list of lands liable to be sold for taxes, advertised in one newspaper in each group of municipalities throughout the county at least one month previous to land tax sale in each year at the expense of this county council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that Messrs. McColman, Anderson, Quance, Richardson, Bishop, Sing and the mover be appointed a committee to prepare a statement including the statment prepared by the clerk, also any further information that may be required re house of refuge. Carried.

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This week we have concluded some special purchases of seasonable goods and our announcements are of exceptional interest.

Special Millinery Purchase

Spot Cash Deal in Felt Hats

We have just cleared out a line of samples of LADIES' FELT HATS for this Department, at a rate on the dollar. All the latest colors and most stylish shapes in this season's goods are included in the number.

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While they last they will be sold for less than the regular wholesale prices and cannot be repeated. This is a splendid opportunity, don't miss it upon any consideration

Special Mantle Purchase

LAST WEEK, our regular stock was as full and complete in its assortment as usual—every week since the commencement of the season, had seen fresh arrivals of new goods—repeat orders and novelties,

THIS WEEK, we had a chance to purchase a Job Line of New German Mantles at a substantial reduction for cash and are showing a splendid assortment of elegant styles, at close figures. We have all sizes—can fit any figure, and our values are simply wonderful.

Some of the Snaps!

10	Heavy Grey and Heather Tweed Jackets, high storm collars, plain or trimmed velvet	$2 75
6	Heavy Black Tweed Mantles, Nap finish, very stylish	3 00
6	Black Beaver Mantles, double breasted, heavy weights	3 50
4	Green Beaver Mantles, double breasted, new collars	4 95
4	Myrtle Beaver Jackets, deep storm collars, trimmed with small pearl buttons	6 50
	Ladies' Black Beaver Jackets, trimmed Velvet, back and front	6 50
	Ladies' Black Beaver Jackets, Satin lined throughout, trimmed with buttons and Velvet. Very stylish and new	8 50
	Ladies' Heavy All Wool Curl Cloth Jackets, large pearl buttons. Elegantly cut	8 50
	Ladies' Myrtle Beaver Jackets, braided seams and pockets. Very handsome back. A most stylish garment	9 50

LUCK IN ODD NUMBERS

Our third special cash purchase this week was a line of Travellers' samples of WINTER UNDERWEAR—all new and perfect goods—at a third less than regular Trade figures.

These will arrive in a few days and we won't have to sell them, as we shall mark them at prices that will sell themselves. Come before they're gone.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

- LOOK AHEAD -

We have bought for Xmas, at a very low prices, some of the nobbiest things in Silverware, China, Glass and Fancy Goods that are produced. Our stock will be complete in every way with goods to suit every one and at easy prices.

Remember This

NEW ARRIVALS

Daisy Tea Kettles at 15c and 25.
Granite Wash Basins at 20c and 25c.
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Large Feed Pots from 75c up.
Scrub Brushs at 5c, 10c and 13c each.
Game Traps at 20c, 25c and 40c.
Horse Brushes, special at 5c to 25c.
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Lanterns at 20c, 35c and 85c.

Bargains in China and Crockery

44 Pieced Colored Tea Setts, regular $3.25, for $2.75.
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