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THE CONTEST

The Ontario elections will be held on Tuesday, March 1, and now the candidates have just one month ahead of them to annihilate their opponents. The contest will be sharp and acute The Advance does not propose in this contest to take any decided stand on either side. Two of the candidates are our personal friends and so far as good fellowship is concerned we would like to see them both elected, but there are larger interests at stake in such a contest than mere personal gratification, and as the individuals represent certain political principles those principles are what should be considered and not the individual. Personally we believe the government of this province should be changed. When Sir Oliver Mowat was at the head of affairs in Toronto and the Conservative party in power at Ottawa he forced from the Ottawa government many provincial rights which the province would never have secured had there been a Conservative government in Toronto. These things would never have been forced by a friendly legislature. This principle holds good to-day and the pernicious effect of having "two of a kind" is seen to-day in the deals which are being hastened through at Ottawa to the benefit of members of the Ontario government at the expense of the whole dominion. Our candid opinion is that it will be the height of folly to perpetuate in office the Reform party at Toronto while Laurier and Tarte rule at Ottawa, but we will not unduly force these opinions upon our readers, and we quarrel with no one for thinking differently.

There is one matter to which we wish to draw attention. We do not endorse the affirmation that all is fair in war. Some things are too mean to be fair even in war. It has come to our ears that Mr. Boland is charged with being an atheist. To this we have the most emphatic denial from Mr. Boland's own lips. Mr. Boland believes all the great fundamental truths of christianity, but to some of the minor teachings of our churches he takes exception. Added to this he was a member of the Methodist church for years. The editor of this paper is not a supporter of Mr. Boland but neither do we like to see him traduced and his citizenship injured by false statements touching his spiritual convictions. He is always ready and willing to present his "creed" to any one who will take the trouble to inquire of him. He says he has not yet met a man with sufficient courage to ask him where he stands in this regard. We have ourselves, found in the churches of to-day men who are quite as unorthodox as the Reform candidate. We give this explanation in justice to Mr. Boland, whom we regard highly as a man of good moral stamina, and at the same time regret the necessity of doing so, because we think it a shame that a man's religious convictions should be unjustifiably dragged through the mire in a political contest.

Our Ottawa government is showing itself to be a lightning operator in railway deals. The latest is an agreement entered into with a couple of gentlemen to build 150 miles of a railway from the Stikine river to navigable waters on the Yukon. In consideration of the building of this line the government gives a grant outright of between three and four million acres of mineral lands, including the Klondike district. In fact it may be said that the company has been granted the whole of the Canadian Yukon gold district providing it will build a railway to carry out its spoils. This is an outrage, and the haste with which it was pushed through before the country was aware of anything of the kind being on foot proves it to be so It is a grand thing, of course, to get ahead of the Americans by building this road, but it looks very much like cutting off one's nose to spite the rest of his physiognomy.

The First Revelation of John

CHAPTER II.

"We will have a hard fight," writes J. W. Patton, the county secretary under date of the 24th, "but believe with good help we can elect Mr. Davis, We offered Bro. Marshall the convention but he would not accept. Bro. Rogers offered him his choice of $200 or a farm if he would run. Rogers actually shed tears when he could not induce Marshall to stand the convention."—Farmers' Sun,

Baswood Corners, Feb. 24st.

DEER SMITH AN' MR. EDITOR UV THE SUNN,—I Inclos a clippin frum yeour paper as pastid abuv wich appeared in last week's ishoo and durin' the corse uv this epistle I will hev somethin' to say abeout it. The campan is progressin finely. Don't be afeared for my chansis. Yeou sounded my praises mejum well in last week's ishoo, but say do you think you orto hev let it aout 'bout Rogers cryin' cuz Marshall didn't git the nomenashun? That letter uv Patton's mit mak pepel think I—John—wuz a kinder forlorn hop—a dern resort as the Frenchman wood sa. Kinder deni in yur nex' ishoo that Rogers cried if you kin do so con censhusly.

An' now to bizness. I notis that Marshall wuz oferd his chice uv 200 dollars or a farm if he wood run. Now I hev a farm—howsomever it is purty well gron over with baswood bushes but its good enuf fer me I don't use it much—but the 2 hundred I cud yuse right off don't yeou think it orto be planked down naow if it ain't the chansis ain't so good.

And anuther thing I want yeour advis on. This ain't no matter fer a corkus or I'd call one. I want to kno if I'm to be confined to my own taownship of glorus fam in this contes and do no spaoutin' in other districks. Sum uv my frens tells me that I must stay to hom an' canvas only on my old paster—that is Euphrasy cuz I mit deestroy my prospecks if I attempted to debat in oratorio ginerally thruaout the ridin'. This ain't accordin' to mi idee uv the fitness uv etarnal things and the possibilities uv me John M. to make a impreshun and it hurts my self respeck and its humiliatin' to mi conset and it makes mi bile rize to think I can't hev a fling at the other fellers. I call it soopreshun. But mi deer Smith ef yeou say it goes uv cors I'll spend all mi time in Euphrasy the taownship wich can appreshyate genus trooly grat. Ples let me kno bi return postoffis cuz I'm longing tu let the pepel uv the hull riding see mi spankin' aoutfit uv bays an' furs an orate on economicals to the waitin multitud.

Smith in yeour report uv the Markdale corkus wy didn't yeou print my speech stid uv Marshall's he lives in another caounty. I wuz the candydat an' I spok and yeou kno it cuz yeou wuz thar and heer yeou printed Marshall's krull speech and not a word uv min naow that's not actin' squar to me John but yeou stick in a snopsis uv min next week mak it eloquint an I will never sa nuthin more beaout it yours truly JOHN

P scrip—Ples ri Rogers to send check fer that 2 hundred paybl to me only as I must hev it fore hickshun cuz I had a revelation in a dream one arternoon up in mi hay maow to the effeck thet if I didnt git it rit awa the lection is lost to us and yours trooly would be outen pocket which I don' propos shall happn if I kin pervent it—JOHN

Andy Whiteford, the old well digger, known to nearly everybody in this section, had a terrible experience the past week. As he was walking along a sideroad in Arthur towards the Minto and Arthur townline, he slipped and falling forward splintered one of his knee caps. Being unable to rise he lay for an hour in hopes that someone might come along, but as no assistance arrived he dragged himself by his hands across two fields and over as many fences till he reached Mr. C. Shneider's barn yard and feeling that he could go no further crawled alongside a straw stack where he lay all night and until noon next day without being discovered. Mr. Schnieder learning of the poor man being there he took him to his house and sent for a doctor. On Tuesday the unfortunate man was taken to the hospital, at Guelph, at the expense of Arthur tp., by reeve Brown and Mr. Schnieder. Whiteford's injury is such that he is likely to be permanently crippled.—Mount Forest Rep

FARM to RENT

Being lo 35, con, 4, towns. ip of Artemesia containing 100 acres more or less, Neve failing well, nearly all cleared and well fenced; log barn and stable; well situated; near good market, snd within ¼ mile of school and post office. The gound is in good condition and well adapted to mixed farming. Price: $2500. The terms are, $500 cash, the balance at an easy rate on good security. For further particular applyto JAMES MAXWELL, Port Law

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[REGISTERED]

One Durham Bull.
One Berkshire Boar.
One Yorkshire Boar.
All for service on lot 29 and 30, N. D. R., Artemesia. Terms one dollar.
W. MEADS
Priceville, Jan. 10.'98.

BULL FOR SERVICE

Thoroughbred Durham Bull "Magnum" (No. 25139) for service on lot 160, 2nd Range W. T. & S. R. Artemesia. Terms—$1.
MARK STEWART, Prop.
Artemesia, Jan. 17,'98.

COURT FLESHERTON, I. O. F. meets in Christoe's Block the last Friday evening in each month. Visiting Foresters heartily welcome. T. Henry, Chief Ranger, W. A. Armstrong, Secretary.

SHINGLES FOR SALE

A quantity of shingles for sale at my mill, lot 38, con. 9 Artemesia. Also shingles cut on shares, would exchange a span of horses for shingle timber.
J. HICKLING, Maxwell P. O.

Farm for Sale

For sale cheap—Lot 37, Con. 12, Artemesia. Apply to R. J. SPROULE, Flesherton
Flesherton, Nov. 16, 1897.

VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR SALE

Park lots in the Village of Eugenia, comprising 26½ acres in two blocks. On these are erected a frame and a log house. There is a good cellar, orchard, two barns, etc. Apply to
H. FENWICK, Eugenia.
Eugenia, Dec. 6, 1897

TAMWORTH BOAR FOR SERVICE

The undersigned has a thoroughbred Tamworth boar for service on lot 138 35, T. and S.R., Artemesia.
PEDIGREE—Brutus, farrowed May 10th, 1897 Bred by John Bell, Amber, Ont.; sire Dorchestrr Hero, 567 (bred by R. Sutherland, jr., Dorchester Station, Ont.), dam Agincourt Queen 661 (bred by W. J. Raymond, Agincourt, Ont.), by Algernon—573—(bred by J. C. Nichol, Aubrey Ont.,) Miss Kennedy—427—by Ranger—28—Middleton Mimulus (imp)—12—(3828 by Middleton Monarch (1151), Middleton Mab (2034,) by The Squire (649) Middleton May (1526).
Terms—$1 for the season.
FRED BROWN, Proprietor.

AUCTION SALE

—OF—

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTIES

In the Township of Glenelg, Artemesia and Osprey in the County of Grey

There will be offered for sale by public auction on

Monday the 21st day of February, 1898

at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon at

Munshaw's Hotel

—IN THE—

VILLAGE OF FLESHERTON

By virtue of powers of sale contained in certain mortgages which will be produced at the sale the following properties.

PARCEL 1

Lots 51 and 52 in the 2nd concession North of the Durham Road in Township of Glenelg, containing together 100 acres more or less. The following improvements are said to be on the premises: About 80 acres cleared having erected thereon a frame dwelling, cedar log barn.

PARCEL 2

Lot 23 in the 9th concession, and lot 23 in the 10th concession, both in the township of Artemesia and containing together 200 acres more or less—reserving thereout, however, as and for public highways first—a line of road 1 chain wide passing through both said lots from south to north and known as the Valley Road. Second—another road also 1 chain wide commencing on the northerly limit of lot number 22 in the 10th concession aforesaid and at a distance of 50 links Easterly from the north westerly angle of said lot thence passing diagonally south easterly through said lot to the line separating the same from lot 23 aforesaid and continuing partly on said line and then diagonally across numbers 23 and 24 into the Town plot of Eugenia.

PARCEL 3

Lot 13 in the 12th concession of the Township of Osprey, containing 100 acres more or less.
The following improvements are said to be on the premises: About 80 cleared

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, Street, Toronto, or to R. J. SPROULE, Flesherton.

M. Richardson & Co.

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This sale presents rare opportunities of securing bargains in seasonable Dress Goods

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Come in and see the bargains we offer—it will be interesting to know at what low prices goods can be purchased on an occasion like this.

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Amazon Cloths, regular 30 cents, reduced to	20c
Figured Meltons, regular 35 cents, reduced to	25c
All Wool Navy Serges, regular 45 cents, reduced to	30c
Fancy Figured Costume Goods, regular 45 cents, reduced to	30c
Fancy Soleils, regular 50 cents, reduced to	35c
Fine Camelots, regular $1.25, reduced to	50c

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

A discount of 33⅓ per cent. offered on any Millinery in this department while the stock lasts.

The balance of our stock of Ladies' Felt Hats will be cleared at a discount of 50 per cent. from regular prices.

. . MANTLES . .

A few nice ones left—we offer them at less than wholesale prices.

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Tweed Suits To Order:

$8.50, $9.00, $9.50, $10.00, $10.50, $11 50, $12.50.

These figures are good for a limited time only. Place your order now.

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