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THE REFERENDUM VOTE

Comparatively little is yet known as to the real condition of affairs with regard to the referendum vote, as the figures quoted by the Toronto press were far from giving a true statement of the case. These figures were so absurdly misleading in the immediate municipalities around us that we are justified in believing the same condition prevails all over the province, and if this be the case it behoves somebody to get at the real state of affairs without further delay and let us know just where we stand. To give an idea of the misleading character of the figures as given by the Toronto dailies and not yet rectified we will quote from a few of the ridings around us. Grey Centre was credited with 469 votes for the Act, whereas it should have been 3086; South Grey was given 656, and this should have been 2115; Dufferin was given 2511 and should have had 3153; West Simcoe was credited with oply 327, whereas it should have been 1676. The county of Grey alone gives nearly 5000 more votes than are credited to it. These are a sufficient sample to show the absurdity of the returns as published thus far. What the public are now waiting for is an authorized statement in detail from the government.

Letter of Condolence.

At the regular meeting of Prince Arthur lodge on Friday evening last it was resolved that the following letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of the deceased brother who passed away the evening before.

To Mrs. Archibald Neilson,
Proton Station.

DEAR MADAM:—The officers and members of Prince Arthur Lodge, No 333, Flesherton, having learned with profound sorrow of Bro. A. Neilson, desire to express to you, his widow, and children also, their deep sympathy and condolence with you in your bereavement. Our Masonic intercourse with our deceased brother had led us to esteem him highly for his many noble qualities of head and heart. For over twenty years he was an esteemed member of this lodge, but we shall meet him in fraternal fellowship no more. We realize, however, that his own children, and especially yourself, will feel the loss much more keenly than can possibly be felt by us. Our prayer therefore is that the great Architect of the universe may protect you and be your comfort and solace in the hours of loss and loneliness. We commend you to the kindly interest of all Masons and above all to the God of all comfort, who has promised to be a husband to the widow and father to the fatherless.

Signed on behalf of Prince Arthur Lodge,

F. H. W. HICKLING, W. M.
C. H. MUNSHAW, Sec.

Flesherton, Dec. 12, 1902.

A man dropped into the sanctum the other day and told of an occurrence that he had witnessed not a hundred miles from here. A farmer sold a load of corn at a certain town. When it was weighed he slyly stepped on the scales, and then drove off to unload. When the waggon was weighed he took good care not to be in it, and congratulated himself that he had cheated the buyer in good shape. The graindealer called him in, and after figuring up the load, paid him in full. As the farmer buttoned up his coat to go out the buyer kindly asked him to smoke with him, and then talked over the crops and the price of hogs, and the likelihood of the proposed railroad building up that way till the farmer fairly squirmed in his chair with uneasiness about his chores at home. At last he could stand it no longer, and said he must go. The dealer quietly said that was not to be thought of, that he had bought the farmer at full weight, and paid him his own price, and that he would insist on doing what he pleased with his own property. The raiser of corn saw that he had indeed sold himself in one sense at least. He acknowledged his cheat and compromised the affair. Now when he markets grain he don't stand on the scale.

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Oats	28	to	28
Peas	72	to	73
Wheat	65	to	65
Barley	45	to	45
Butter	17	to	17
Eggs fresh	20	to	20
Pork	7 00	to	7 00
Chickens per pair	25	to	50
Ducks per pair	40	to	60
Tuckeys per lb	11	to	12
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To XMAS BUYERS

This store has never before had such an array of handsome articles just suitable for useful presents as we show now for the needs of the Xmas Holiday Trade.

We can merely give you a few hints in these columns—you should come and see the goods for yourself—they'll not disappoint you in quality and besides the prices are Right too, so that you'll find it easy to make a pleasing and satisfactory selection.

Xmas Present Offerings.

Xmas Furs.

Ladies' Caperines in a big variety of Stylish Fur Combinations. From $3.75 to $15 00.
Fur Gaunttlets for Ladies or Gents, to match any Coat. From $2.25 to $5.00.
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Ladies' Fancy Silk Mufflers, very stylish, from 50c. to $1,50
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Xmas. Footwear

Gents' Felt Slippers, new German goods, from 40c, to 75c.
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Hardware Department

Xmas China

New Dinner Setts, 97 pieces, new designs. $7.50 to $15.00.
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Fancy Gilt Glass Setts, very rich effects, 40c. to $2,00.

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Xmas Cutlery

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