THE
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## MURDER VERDICT VINDICATED.

Since the formation of Grey County 76 years ago, there have been but two hangings for capital offences. The first instance was that of Cook Teets, a blind man, who was found guilty of poisoning his wife, and who was hanged on Dec. 5, 1884, after a fair trial, just one year after the offence was committed.

This man protested his innocence up until the last moment of his life, and the day before he was hanged issued a lengthy statement covering the case. Owing to his strenuous denial of guilt and only circumstantial evidence being available, many people believed in his innocence and thought his punishment was a miscarriage of justice. Recently some information has come into the possession of this paper which eliminates all doubt as to his guilt and defines the case as one of the most sordid in the annals of crime. Cook Teets was, as we have said, a blind man, who travelled around the country led by a faithful dog. He married a woman named Rosanna Leppard, and with her went to Michigan, and while there purchased strychnine. After their return home the woman died of strychnine poisoning. Previous to this the pair had gone to Meaford and secured an insurance policy on her life in the husband's favor. A gentleman now residing in Flesherton tells The Advance that Cook Teets showed him the poison and told him that he was intending to poison his wife. This gentleman warned him not to attempt it, as he "could not get away with it." The reply was that "the Leppard's were nothing and it would soon blow over," and the warning was unheeded. At the trial this evidence was not forthcoming, as the gentleman did not care to help hang a blind man. The evidence, however, was very strongly against the accused without this, and the jury was not long in arriving at a verdict of guilty, in which Judge Armour concurred.

The prisoner received the death sentence almost unmoved, and as he was removed by the constables, steadily and firmly asserted his innocence, and only the day before he was hanged issued a long manifesto covering what he claimed to be a full statement of his connection with the Leppard family. It is almost inconceivable that any man could go to his death with such a mass of lies upon his lips as the following, which occurs in the statement referred to: "I go to my death an innocent man. Thank God I do not die with a load of guilt on my shoulders. I am ready to die. I feel my Saviour say, 'it is all right, Cook.'" This deposition was signed by the condemned man himself and by Rev. J. E. Howell, Methodist minister, of Owen Sound.

We know now that Cook Teets was not only guilty of murder, but also of perjury and blasphemy.

What we have we (don't) hold.

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The Advance has been held back a day in order to get the result of the election for our readers.

## PINE NEEDLE WOOL.

Thrifty folks in Germany are treating pine needles to provide a substitute for wool for certain purposes. By varying the process a woolly product is obtained that comes either in the shape of fine sheet wadding or in soft fleeces that are used to stuff matresses The pine wool has fine, strong fibres not unlike hemp, and finds its best use when woven into heavy materials such as carpets and horse blankets. The new process has a valuable asset in one of the by-products that results from chemical treatment necessary to remove the rosin from the needles. The sticky residue is shaped into resinous briqets which have a high fuel value, and have found a ready use in the manufacture of illuminating gas.

Down at the Canadian Atlantic seaboard the rural population have for many years been making use of pine needles for stuffing cushions. The fresh perfume adds to their attractiveness. But it is quite possible, under the chemical process now announced, to turn this waste product into an increasing profitable article.

## POOR CAMPAIGN TACTICS.

The contest just closed may be classed as the hardest and most bitterly fought political contest that we have ever known. This was unavoidable, when a question which is considered by many a moral matter has been placed in combination with the political questions of the day. These cannot amalgamate without more or less friction, like sulphuric acid in water. As a matter of fact both parties have indulged in many false charges without taking the trouble to verify them before passing them along.

One of the parties in this campaign has also exceeded, in our opinion, the bounds of decency in his fight. We protest against the name of God being dragged into any political campaign in this country. The Lord has nothing in common with politics as they are played to-day. Politics and religion are a mixture that no party within our recollection has ever endeavored to feed to the electorate, and any right thinking man would refrain from making an appeal such as D. J. Taylor made in North Grey. Mr. Taylor said in his advertisements: "When you stand in the polling booth with your ballot in your hand and only God as a witness," etc., etc., and he places in big type, "For God and home and native land."

The candidate who considers his policy the only one sanctioned by the Almighty is a menace to society. We would consider advertising like that mentioned above as sacrilege of the most pronounced kind. Our politicians are coming to a pretty state of mind when they stoop to such foolish attempts to sway the religious sentiment of the country in their favor.

# FERGUSON IS SUSTAINED

## Government Control Sanctioned by Ont. Electors.

## OLIVER MAJORITY 1317

F. R. Oliver, Ontario's youngest member of the Legislature was elected by an overwhelming majority over Hon. Dr. Jamieson, the Conservative candidate. When the results commenced to come in it was seen that Oliver's election was conceded, as Dr. Jamieson lost ground in all polls.

Throughout Ontario the Conservative leader, Premier Ferguson, has a large working majority for the enforcement of Government Control and has around eighty members pledged to adopt his policy. Toronto again went "wet" in every division except North York. D. J. Taylor was elected in North Grey, Owen Sound going decidedly "dry" and Mr. Taylor's majority was increased over three thousand more than in the election of three years ago.

The following is a summary of the vote in South Grey and some of the polls in this district:

### SUMMARY OF SOUTH GREY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Artemesia | 322 | 829 |
| Bentinck | 440 | 676 |
| Durham | 707 | 259 |
| Egremont | 315 | 834 |
| Glenelg | 340 | 464 |
| Euphrasia | 322 | *574 |
| Normanby | 696 | 405 |
| Proton | 336 | 862 |
| Osprey | 351 | 534 |
| Holland | 386 | 547 |
| Hanover | 802 | 564 |
| Chatsworth | 66 | 123 |

FARQUHAR R. OLIVER
U.F.O. Member-elect for South Grey

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|---|---|---|
| Neustadt | 250 | 18 |
| Dundalk | 175 | 185 |
| Flesherton | 119 | 131 |
| Markdale | 250 | 189 |
| Totals | 5877 | 7194 |
| Majority for Oliver | | 1317 |

* One poll missing.

### TWP. OF GLENELG

| Poll No. | Jamieson | Oliver |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 74 | 141 |
| 2 | 36 | 88 |
| 3 | 70 | 96 |
| 4 | 50 | 70 |
| 5 | 110 | 69 |
| Total | 340 | 464 |

### TWP. OF EUPHRASIA

| Poll No. | Jamieson | Oliver |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 22 | 19 |
| 2 | 41 | 94 |
| 3 | — | — |
| 4 | 55 | 95 |
| 5 | 70 | 85 |
| 6 | 17 | 75 |
| 7 | 28 | 89 |
| 8 | 70 | 75 |
| Total | 322 | 574 |

### TWP. OF ARTEMESIA

| Poll No. | Jamieson | Oliver |
|---|---|---|
| Orange Valley | 25 | 105 |
| Flesherton | 32 | 81 |
| Proton | 41 | 81 |
| Ceylon | 80 | 99 |
| Priceville | 35 | 163 |
| Vandeleur | 13 | 96 |
| Eugenia | 75 | 128 |
| Portlaw | 31 | 76 |
| Total | 322 | 829 |

### TWP. OF OSPREY

| Poll No. | Jamieson | Oliver |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 22 | 37 |
| 2 | 82 | 96 |
| 3 | 48 | 23 |
| 4 | 26 | 65 |
| 5 | 17 | 66 |
| 6 | 40 | 88 |
| 7 | 28 | 22 |
| 8 | 88 | 137 |
| Total | 351 | 534 |

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Hardwick of Bolton spent a day last week with her son, teacher in the high school, and attended the cooncert last Friday evening.

Several young people of Bolton motored up and attended the high school concert on Friday last.


# XMAS SHOPPING TALK

AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR WE ARE ALL MORE OR LESS INTERESTED IN SHOPPING FOR SANTA CLAUS.

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LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, DON'T FORGET TO CALL AND SEE OUR STOCK ON SANTA CLAUS DAY, DECEMBER 18TH, FOR HE HAS PROMISED TO BE HERE THAT DAY. BE SURE AND LET YOUR COUSINS KNOW ABOUT IT, AND SEE IF WE CAN HAVE SIX HUNDRED CHILDREN HERE THIS YEAR. HERE'S HOPING THAT WE DO.

THOS. W. FINDLAY, Flesherton



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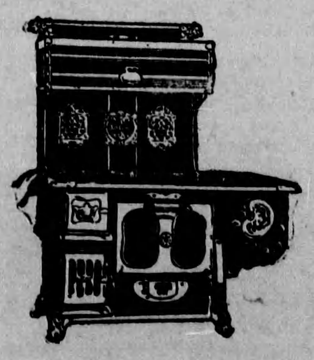

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