

# People's Store

REGIMENT SUITS

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### For Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Good Woollen Fall or Winter Shirts and Drawers to be sold cheap. These are all new goods which we bought at a bargain. Regular Prices, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a suit, for these days only

# 85 cents Per Suit

## ROBT. BURNETT

IMPERIAL SHOES

### LIBERAL POSTMASTER TAMPERED WITH MAIL.

Proceedings in West Northumberland to Stamp out Typical Device of Ottawa Authorities—Mr. Ralls of Fenella, Used Letters as Packing for Eggs

Cobourg, Ont., Oct. 7.—The Postmaster General of Canada, Hon. Mr. Lemieux, in a speech at Niagara Falls three weeks ago alluded to rural mail delivery as a "bounty" to the electors of Canada. The statement was so extraordinary in its arrogance that it attracted attention in the United States, and it was stated in editorials that even Roosevelt would not venture on such an utterance. It appears, however, that our rulers in Canada are restrained by no such fear of public spirit as acuates United States politicians, and since Sir William Mulock got disgusted with the state of affairs at Ottawa, and retired to the judiciary, the conditions have grown worse and worse. The rural postmaster is taught and constrained to believe that he is an engine of government, a tentacle of the great octopus which has made the later history of Canada shameful. Those who live in cities fall short of realizing what the post-office in the hamlet means to the dweller on the farm. Living, even at best, a lonely life and desirous, as is every man, of knowing what is going on in the world, Mr. R. L. Borden understood this when he forced rural mail delivery on the Government. Then what shall be thought of an Administration which forces its officials to violate laws which were framed long before Canada was a Confederation, when Ontario was a forest. In the eighteenth century, the English voter won for himself the right to have his mail delivered to him without the intervention of spies. In the twentieth century the Laurier Government has ordered its postmasters to become Czars against their will, and to deliver only such mail as shall suit the taste of the Postmaster General.

To-morrow morning, Richard L. Ralls, the postmaster at Fenella, in the Township of Haldimand, West Northumberland, will be arrested and brought into town because he acted as the tool of a Government which regards itself as an oligarchy, and whose Ministers exercise the privileges of tyrants. Richard L. Ralls presumably is merely a case of the Liberal in office. He was a decent fellow in his social relations, he kept a general store, and he made a particular business of buying eggs, packing them, and shipping them to Cobourg for export. He finally got the appointment of postmaster, and then he was a whole whale of a fellow. He was the man who kept the community in touch with what was going on in the world. Any poor old Tory got his mail if Mr. Ralls felt that he ought to get it.

He received from his country customers large quantities of eggs. These eggs he packed in boxes, and sent them to Mr. John Platt, of Cobourg, who deals in this very important commodity. Mr. James Gillan, of this town, is a sort of receiving agent for Mr. Platt, and about the end of August a number of cases were left at Mr. Gillard's store. When Mr. Platt came to examine the consignment, he found to his surprise that they were packed in sealed envelopes, addressed to voters in the Township of Haldimand, of which Fenella is the chief post office. They were franked from Ottawa by Conservative members of the House of Commons. Those on which Mr. Ralls will be accused were franked by G. W. Ganong, M. P. The Liberal party, since it has been in power, has tried to make it appear that only supporters of the Government have the right to exercise the franking privilege; that no Conservative, Independent or Labor member, no matter how great his majority, or how important the constituency he represented, had any privileges except those which Sir Wilfrid chose to accord him. The howls of indignation over the fact that literature inimical to the Government was being sent through the post-offices has been heard in every subsidized Liberal paper in the land. No doubt Mr. Ralls thought he was obeying orders and serving "the good cause," when he used the plain facts sent out by the Conservative members as a cushion for eggs.

Through Mr. Gillard, Mr. Charles A. Munson, the Mayor of Cobourg, Conservative candidate in West Northumberland, heard of the matter and suggested to the Crown Attorney, Mr. W. F. Kerr, that action be taken. He was referred to Mr. Henry Merrick, the post office inspector of the district. Action being delayed, the provincial authorities were consulted and Detective Miller came down and looked into the case. The outcome is the prosecution of Postmaster Ralls, whose case it is hoped will be a salutary lesson, not only to the rural postmasters of the province, but a rebuke to the authorities at Ottawa.

When Ralls was first accused of non-delivery of mail matter, he stated that he had been refused by those to whom it was addressed. This, notwithstanding the fact that not one of the many envelopes bore the inscription provided for under the post-office regulations, "Refused." It was therefore deemed expedient to have enquiry made of those to whom letters discovered had been addressed before taking action against Ralls. A number of these were seen and all of them denied emphatically that any mail matter addressed to them had at any time been refused. In fact the refusal of mail matter is a thing almost unheard of in the rural sections of Ontario.

Record Breaking SALES in Boots & Shoes

**THE BIG STORE**

All "New Ideas" PATTERNS 10c.

### AT THE TOP IN Style, Quality, and Value



#### WE CLOTHE THE MAN FROM HEAD TO FOOT

Distinctive styles in Men's and Young Men's Suits of the famous "Sanford" make,—the range is wide,—fabrics and styles are many. Priced to suit every pocket—\$7.50 to \$20.00.

#### Special Sale of Suits for Friday and Saturday

- \$ 5.00 Suits ..... for \$2.95
- \$ 7.50 Suits ..... for \$3.99
- \$ 8.50 Suits ..... for \$5.95
- \$10.00 and \$11.00 Suits ..... for \$7.49
- \$14.00 and \$15.00 Suits ..... for \$9.99

#### RAINCOATS AND OVERCOATS IN GREAT VARIETY

#### Underwear.—For Men, Women and Children.

**We Pave the Way to Comfort**

Our underwear department is complete. "Stanfield's" unshrinkable—the best made, best fitting, most comfortable, durable and satisfactory underwear, that modern machinery and skilled labor can produce. Ask to see our men's at 50c. Ladies' from 20c. up. Boys at 35c. and 50c.

#### Boots and Shoes.—It's a very exceptional customer that we cannot fit in shoes. Long experience in studying the widely diversified needs of the human foot, give us accuracy in judging what will best suit each individual case. That's a great help to the man or woman who has to wear the shoes. A happy combination of foot comfort, style and economy is something we have been able to develop to a high degree. If you are not already our customer, give us a trial on that next pair of shoes.

#### Grocery Bargains for Friday and Saturday

- 3 lbs. Black Tea at 50c. .... for \$1.00
- 3 lbs. Fancy Biscuits ..... for .25
- 4 packages Dalley's Jelly at 10c. each, for .25
- 1 can Veal, Ham, or chicken loaf, 15c. size .10
- 2 10c. bottles reliable Shoe Dressing, for .15
- 2 10c. cans Richards' Lye ..... for .15
- 4 10c. packages Corn Starch ..... for .30
- 3 Boxes Matches, safety silent ..... for .10
- Saturday. 20 lbs. "Red Paths" Sugar. for 1.00

Remember we are going out of Hardware. Get the bargains

Highest Price for Produce

**ALEX. RUSSELL**

Trunks and Grips in great variety

G. & J. McKechnie G. & J. McKechnie

## Large trees from small acorns grow

The prizes given at the Fall Fairs have been discussed in every home, and it is rightly so; and it is also well to keep in remembrance the native crop, the crop of trees, if we may so call it. Many a home in the Western Prairies have their homes furnished with furniture made from our soft elm, basswood, birch, pine and maple. The quality could not be surpassed, but it is of the sizes we wish to speak. We know of

OUR soft elm log, ordinary length, round and straight, containing 1,200 ft. pine..... " " " " " 1,500 birch..... " " " " " 502 basswood " " " " " 750

We know the farms on which these trees grew, and

**We will give a self-opening umbrella to the first person who will tell us the lot on which any one of these grew**

but only one umbrella to each informant. But what about the maple? This sturdy emblem of our nationality, within summer, its beautiful foliage, the maple leaf, the Maple Leaf For Ever. Changes must take place in all that pertains to humanity, but the name of McKechnie's, which was well-known to the people here when Chicago was a hamlet, is still to the front, at, we might say, the old stand. We do not claim to be better than other business people, for we consider they are all honest, but we try to buy the best quality of goods at the lowest prices. We are working for ourselves and also our customers.

### Dry Goods

We have just bought an excellent stock of dry goods at exceptionally low prices and would cordially ask you to come to see it. It will pay you.

### Footwear

Our stock of boots and shoes is replenished continuously with the newest styles and the best qualities. It will pay you to examine it.

### Groceries

Fresh groceries arriving daily, sold at the lowest prices. Look out for prices next week. All goods sold, if in good condition may be returned and the money will be given back, except goods cut.

**Highest Prices Paid for Butter and Eggs**

**GOOD BUYING MEANS GOOD SELLING**

G. & J. McKechnie, Durham

#### Important Reduction.

Another important reduction in text books was announced by the Ontario Government. The Ministry of Education has just completed a contract with the E. H. Harcourt Company, of Toronto, for the printing and publishing of the new series of copy books for the schools of the province. These copy books, which have hitherto cost the school children a fortune, will in future be supplied for 2 cents each. It appears from the statistics that about one hundred and ninety thousand copy books are sold each year, and of these at least one hundred and forty thousand are purchased in Ontario. With the new books selling at 2 cents each, as against the old book at 7 cents there is a saving of 5 cents per book or an average of at least \$7000 per year to the province. Dr. Pyno has signed the contract, the tender, awarded after public competition, being the best offered, price and quality. It is expected that the new books will be ready for the schools in a few weeks.—Bruce Herald.

#### \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one doctor who has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up a constitution of assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for full testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the Estate of Robert Morrison, late of the Township of Egremont in the County of Grey, deceased.

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT

to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897," chapter 129, t. at all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated the 21st day of September, 1908.

**WILLIAM MORRISON,**  
Administrator of the estate of Robert Morrison, late of the Township of Egremont, deceased.

#### WATCH YOUR TONGUE.

If Furred and Coated, it's a Looking Glass Stomach Warning.

When it is the morning after the night before, you do not have to look at your tongue to know that the stomach is upset, the head is aching, no appetite, nerves on edge with all the sunshine of life clouded.

The real time to watch the tongue is all the time. If it is coated with a white fur, or possibly with dark trimmings, even though the stomach does not tell you by the acute pains of indigestion that it needs help, yet the coating shows that you are getting into a bad way and that there is need of Mi-o-na.

Mi-o-na is so positive, so sure, so reliable in its curative action upon the stomach that Macfarlane & Co., the local agents, give a guarantee of satisfaction with every 50 cent box or money back.

### NEWS

General Servant Wanted once to Mrs. J. Kelly.

For sale—A good milk cow to Mrs. Lauder, at the Cro 2-pd.

See our stock of ladies' coats, values for \$7.50. Also Miss children's from \$2.50 to \$6.00. House of Quality, H. H. Mockler.

A meeting will be held in the fellows' Hall next Saturday at seven o'clock to consider the expediency of organizing a Poultry Association. All interested are invited to attend.

Great bargains in new mail bags and bags. See our 7-inch bag grain-shopping bag, reg. 50c. 25c.—The House of Quality, Mockler.

Notice—All our past-due bills must be settled either by cash or not later than November 1st. that date all unpaid bills will be in other hands for collection. Arthur.—2.

What might have resulted if our fire was happily averted, McKenzie property, on Lambton Thursday last. It is some passerby threw a lighted match into some dry leaves, which spread with great force. Though discovered almost immediately, it took several buckets of water to quench the flames. The fire was a warning to our residents during this dry season, to continue the practice of starting fires and burning up their property, a fire at this time of considerable damage being done. The fire company could get it under control.

Monday night was a bad one for some of our local dreamers. The yarn that was circulated yesterday morning that the large building to Chas. Lawrence and Cuff, two miles west of here, destroyed by fire the night before, because the Chronicle's representative immediately got ready for action, had not proceeded far on his journey when he met an earlier bird, who turned him back. He was disappointed to hear the information was "stung." It was a disappointment, too, and always like to see everything going on and get full parties felt much happier on the return than on the way out, willing to be "stung" again in place, though we hope the hallucination will next time be a different section of the county. We may improve in our general knowledge of the country.

On Sunday evening the John Collier, on the 3rd Con. Glenelg, was nearly destroyed. Just what the fire originated, what of a mystery, but it is believed to have started from a party that was mixed in with the set off by one of the animals coming in contact with it, scraped by one of its feet. Mr. seventeen-year-old son was hurt on the afternoon in question, the stock, returning shortly afterwards. Happily, looking out the window, a man family observed smoke issuing from the building. The boy ran to and found the fire confined to a stall and manger in which a valuable horse, and in the passageway. Luckily a bucket of milk, which were to feed some calves, were near, and which sufficed to flames in check until sufficient could be procured to quench them. The horse, jumping back from the flame into the manger into which they and was badly burned the legs, breast and head of the injured animal, which badly burned, will, in all probability, recover. The match theory one that seems to work out as Mr. Collier had not been burnt and his son does not seem to have been a close call, anyway. Whatever cause, Mr. Collier's season's labors wiped out time than it takes to tell it.