

**AN IMPERFECT INVENTION.**  
She calls me up; and Jimmy smiles,  
For—"A lady wants you sir!"  
And then across a dozen miles  
I stand and talk with her.  
Her laugh has just its clear sweet ring,  
Her voice its natural tone,  
But, hang it all! I miss one thing—  
I can't be kissed by telephone!

**REDUCTION IN GRANT.**—The Ontario Government intend after the present year to discontinue the allowance for membership to our Mechanics' Institutes.

**TO THE COUNTRY MERCHANTS.**—We will sell glass jars in all sizes in small quantities at a lower price than you can buy in larger quantities from the wholesale as we have bought a car load and they have advanced in price since. Spofford & Co.

**OPINIONS of business men in Toronto** are that trade is reviving. They believe we have struck bottom and that improvement has commenced. Every person will sincerely hope that these opinions are well founded. The prospect of better times, however, should not make the people less careful than they have been for the past few years. We cannot afford to be reckless simply because times are said to be brightening. When you get on your feet see that the foundation is good and your legs are strong before you begin to dance.

**SPOFFORD & Co.** have been house-cleaning at their big Mammoth and by next week you will scarcely know them. Call on them and see their beautiful store. Don't forget their Ice Cream Parlors will be ready in about 10 days.

The house was filled to hear the lecture by I. A. Shanton. Every seat was occupied and chairs were brought in and the aisles filled. Mr. Shanton has a fine voice that easily filled the large auditorium. His lecture was carefully prepared, well delivered and was received with marked approbation. Pentwater News. Prof. I. A. Shanton will deliver a lecture on "Red Hair" under the auspices of the R. T. of T. in Daley's Hall, on Thursday evening, June 5th.

Some curious details have been published regarding the wardrobe of the Prince of Wales. It appears that he possesses 70 uniforms, at an average cost of £150 (\$750). It is added that he pays 12 guineas (\$62.50) for a frock coat, 12 guineas (\$62.50) for a dress-suit; for pants he pays 4 guineas (\$21); his ordinary trousers with coat and vest, cost 8 to 10 guineas, (\$42 to \$52.50). During the London season, the Prince consumes two frock coats per month, and he uses about a dozen dress suits annually. He has an immense number of ordinary suits of clothes and never wears one more than two or three times. In addition his shooting suits cost 300 guineas a year. The Prince has three silk hats every fortnight and never wears a pair of gloves twice. In short, he is the best dressed man in the United Kingdom.

We are pleased that so many who are receiving the FREE PRESS through Spofford & Co., have requested us to continue sending it for the balance of the year, and we trust that all the rest will do likewise, as we are making a special price so as it will be in the reach of all. We might just here mention that Spofford & Co. will continue this offer for ten days longer. They have already greatly increased our circulation with their uniting efforts by endeavoring to place the best country paper into every home in this neighborhood.

**WANTED.**—A number of good strong men, must be first-class kickers, to kick out those home made boots at P. C. Fleury's.

It is the general opinion of those engaged in oil trade that oil will never again be as cheap as it has been, unless new and important fields are discovered. The individual consumer has already begun to feel the effect of the boom. The oil producers in Petrolea will benefit considerably by the boom. The oil regions of Ontario produce close upon one million barrels per annum. The increased price consequently mean a good deal to the Canadian producer who of course, will not be slow to reap the harvest so long as it lasts. Investigations that have so far been made point to the existence of immense fields of petroleum in the Canadian Northwest Territories. The gentleman who was sent out last spring to explore the district has either already set out or will set out immediately, to renew his investigations. If the great quantities of oil that are supposed to exist really to exist in our province, the Government cannot develop them too soon.

**Personals.**

Rev. H. E. A. Reid ran up from the city Monday and made a short stay between trains.

Mrs. Mackie, of Oshawa, who is visiting at Mrs. D. L. Barclay's, O'Brien Ave., is being treated for cancer by Mr. Daniel Byer.

Miss Marguerite Dunn, of Toronto, was the guest of Miss M. Stark over Tuesday night.

Miss Jennie Eyre, of Toronto, is visiting at Reeve Johnson's.

Mr. James Lennon, Barrister of Toronto, was in town on Monday.

Mrs. H. C. Clendening, of Markham, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jos. H. Mertens.

Mrs. W. Moody, of Toronto, spent a few days at Mrs. R. Monkhouse's, Rupert Ave.

**CONGREGATIONAL Y. P. S. C. E.**

The following are the officers elected at the semi-annual business meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held in the Congregational Church on Monday evening last:

Hon. President—Rev. I. A. Shanton.  
President—Miss L. Bentley.  
Vice-President—Mr. M. H. Flint.  
Cor.-Secretary—Miss J. Mertens.  
Rec.-Secretary—W. E. Mertens.  
Treasurer—Miss S. Daley.

Lookout Committee—Mabel Flint, Millie Greenbury, Celia Daley, R. Silversides, Mabel Flint, convener.  
Prayer Meeting Committee—W. E. Mertens, Gracie Smyth, Gertrude Daley, Rev. I. A. Shanton, W. E. Mertens, convener.

Social Committee—Ida Smith, Jennima Mertens, Josie Daley, Willis Addison, Ida Smith, convener.

Flower Committee—Gracie Smith, Nettie Greenbury, Ruth Yake, Percy Smyth, Gracie Smyth, convener.  
Literary Committee—Mrs. (Rev.) Shanton, Misses Flora Barker, Mabel Flint, Jennima Mertens, Celia Daley, Mrs. Shanton, convener.

Organist—Gracie Smyth, Mabel Flint, assistant.

Delegates to North York Convention, to be held at Mt. Albert May 28 and 29—Rev. I. A. Shanton, Misses Mabel Flint, Jennima Mertens, L. Bentley, Millie Greenbury.

**HORSE NOTES.**

**GENERAL CROZIER**, the old reliable Clear Grit Roadster Stallion, owned by Mr. Peter Wideman, Mongolia, starts on his route Monday, May 6th, leaving his own stable, Lot 27, Con. 9, Markham, and proceed to Maxwell's Hotel, Highland Creek, Tuesday, Burrow's Hotel, Woburn, noon; Moorcroft's Hotel, Brown's Corners, night, Wednesday, A. Summerfeldt's, Cashel, noon; own stable, night, Thursday, Manson House, Stouffville, noon; D. Clark's, Lot 12, Con. 6, Whitechurch, night, Friday, Todd's Hotel, Goodwood, night, Saturday, own stable. General Crozier has a splendid record as a stock horse, his colts having frequently brought fancy prices. See bills and cards for further particulars.

**BARCLAY**, the pure-bred Clydesdale Stallion owned by Dr. C. Steele, Richmond Hill, will be handled this year by Mr. Jos. Randall, with home stand at Globe Hotel, Stouffville, and on Monday proceeds to Jacob Fockler's, Bloomington, noon; Tony Spang's, Lot 13, Con. 8, Whitechurch, night, Tuesday, Isaac Lemon's, Lot 12, Con. 6, Whitechurch, noon; A. Pretty's, Bethesda, night, Wednesday, Geo. McKay's, Lot 29, Con. 7, Markham, noon; L. Summerfeldt's, Cashel, night, Thursday, Peter Byer's, noon; Tremont House, Markham, night, Friday, A. J. Hoover's, Mongolia, night, Saturday, own stable. See bills and cards for further particulars.

The farmers in this neighborhood claim that the Cleveland Bay Coach Horses are the right horses for this part of the country. Bear in mind that J. Yake, the Jeweller, Stouffville, has got one and he will stand at his own stable throughout the season.

**ROUTE BILLS.**—The FREE PRESS has always turned out the best horse route bills in the county and is prepared to maintain its reputation this year as usual. It is an unfortunate thing that there is not more breeding done, but a handsome poster is a good advertisement for a horse. Those who get their route bills printed by the FREE PRESS will have their routes printed free in its columns. This paper is enjoying a large and growing circulation among the farmers of this county. There are not many taking two local papers, and those who look over our mailing lists will find that the FREE PRESS goes into almost every house in the county.

**New Stationery Store**

The FREE PRESS Stationery Store is headquarters for a first-class line of Stationery and School Supplies very cheap. Remember the place.

**Free Press Stationery Store**  
Mertens' Block, Stouffville

**Music Teacher.**

Miss Peare begs to intimate to her pupils and to others wishing to take lessons on the

**Piano, Organ, Guitar, Banjo, &c.**  
That she has resumed her duties, and may be consulted as to terms, &c., at her rooms as usual, in Unbridge, Stouffville or Markham.  
Stouffville, April 23rd, 1895.

**Cook's Cotton Root Compound.**  
A recent discovery by an old physician. Successfully used monthly by thousands of Ladies. Is the only perfectly safe and reliable medicine for covering. Beware of unprincipled druggists who offer inferior medicines in place of this. Ask for Cook's Cotton Root Compound, take no substitutes, or include 5¢ and 6¢ cents in postage in letter and we will send, sealed, by return mail. Full detailed particulars in plain envelope, to ladies only, 2 stamps. Address **The Cook Company**, Windsor, Ont., Canada, S. 111 in Stouffville by G. COLLARD, DRUGGIST.



**KINGMAN NO. 16.**

**Bison . . . . . \$90** Parties intending to purchase a Bicycle should see the Kingman, a High Grade up-to-date Wheel. See it and you will buy no other. A fine Ladies' Wheel for \$60.  
**Alert . . . . . \$80**  
**Kingman . . . . . \$60**

**MERTENS & SMITH, Agents, Stouffville.**

**24th of May**  
**The Queen's Birthday.**

Everyone has a New Suit by then  
**HAVE YOU YOURS?**  
We will make you a  
**Neat-Fitting Suit at Trifling Cost.**

**Sanders & Bundy**

**Great Big Snaps at H. Johnson's**

35 lbs. Best Bright Refined Sugar for \$1.  
50 lbs. Best Bright Refined Sugar and 4 lbs. 30c. Tea for \$2  
31 lbs. Granulated Sugar and 4 lbs. 25c. Tea for \$2.  
For \$5 you can buy a whole wagon load of Goods, come and get on. See our great varieties in  
**PORRIDGE GOODS.**—Rolled Oats, Rolled Wheat, Rolled Barley, Granulated Oat Meal, Corn Meal, Wheat Grits, Farnia, Flaked Wheat, &c.  
**CANNED GOODS OF ALL KINDS.**—Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Fresh Beans, Corn Beef, Boneless Pigs' Feet, Boneless Duck, Boneless Turkey, Boneless Chicken, Chip's Dried Beef, Peaches, Straw Berries, etc.  
**HONEY!** HONEY!—The Best White Clover Honey in the comb at 12 cts. per lb. This Honey can't be beat. Try it.  
**CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.**—At prices that defy competition. Come and see us and be convinced that we are the people to give you bargains.  
Oranges, Lemons and all kinds of Fruit at lowest price. Fresh Bulk Oysters 35 cts. a quart. You may as well have a snap as a body.

**H. JOHNSON.**

**COAL! COAL!**

**Nut, Stove, Egg, Steam, Blacksmith's extra quality.**

**W. B. SANDERS**

**We are still In It!**

Having secured the renewal of our lease for a term of years, at the OLD STAND, NEAR THE G.T.R. STATION, we shall continue the business there as formerly, and have during the past week received a large stock of  
**Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Figs, Dates**  
**Candies, Oysters, Games, Toys**  
**Fancy Goods, Sporting Goods, School Books and supplies, Church Hymn Books, Toy Books, &c.**  
Which we will continue to sell, not below cost, but at a very close advance on cost.

**S. C. Fleury & Co.**  
Agents for Whaley, Royce & Co. Musical Instruments.

**Stouffville Carriage Works**

I beg leave to inform the public that I have purchased the old German property east of the Queen's Hotel, where I intend to carry on the carriage business in all its branches. I manufacture

**Farm Wagons, Sleighs, Cutters and Buoqies**

Of all descriptions. I keep none but first-class men in all the different branches. Having selected my stock from the best houses in the Dominion, and having had 25 years' experience in the trade myself, I am confident of giving entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patronage.

I have just received a consignment of Varnish direct from W. Harland & Sons, England. Come and get your buggy painted by A. B. Surby, one of the best carriage painters in this Province.

Call and see my stock before purchasing elsewhere.  
All work warranted. Repairing done on the shortest notice. Horse Shoeing a specialty. No so-called patented gear or factory work.

Remember the stand, EAST OF QUEEN'S HOTEL.

**W. H. TODD,**