

**The Ottawa Free Press.**

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This paper will be published Monthly, and sent gratuitously to all who will send their address to the Editor. Its columns will contain much useful and instructive reading matter, and also advertisements informing the public where goods of the best quality may be obtained at reasonable prices. Nothing objectionable will be admitted into the pages of *The Free Press*; but articles interesting to farmers, mechanics and merchants, and carefully selected anecdotes, will make the paper cheap at one hundred times its price.

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Notwithstanding the almost constant rains, accompanied of course with oceans of mud, Ottawa is very busy doning its gay attire, evidently making ready for a brilliant campaign of trade the coming season. Few cities of its size on this continent can boast of a more respectable array of enterprising merchants than the growing City of Ottawa, as their present stocks of goods can well testify. All evidently are expecting a heavy business. The lumber trade upon which Ottawa greatly depends, has been good the past season, and it is to be hoped the farming interest will not on the whole prove so much a failure as the long rains of the past few weeks threaten. Much of the very abundant grain crop has been completely well secured. It is true large quantities are still in the field, and much of it will be a total loss, still it is to be hoped the farmers will reap an average compensation for their labor; and in view of all these things taken together with the increased vigor with which the lumbermen seem to be determined to prosecute their business the coming winter, a very good business may be expected. Our farmers may not realise so much from their farms as in former years, still the money which our much abused neighbours, the Americans, have poured into their laps the past year or two, for surplus stock, has enabled them to wipe out many harrassing debts, and the means which used necessarily to go for interest on those debts may now judiciously be expended for comforts formerly out of the reach of many of them. Fortunately many of our suburban farmers are out of the reach of distress arising out of the failure of a crop or two, as well as many of them living more remote; and it is to be hoped the day is near at hand, when with TEMPERANCE, industry, frugality and the guidance of a kind Providence, the farming community of this section of country will be among the wealthiest and most influential of this province. No doubt the merchants of Ottawa will keep in mind their losses, arising out of the present unfavourable season, and extend to them a friendly, helping hand, by supplying them with goods at the lowest possible prices,—FOR LET IT NOT BE FORGOTTEN, THAT IT IS, AFTER ALL, THE FARMERS UPON WHOM THE MERCHANT MOSTLY DEPENDS.

**BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.**—Messrs. Robinson & Co., of the far-famed TEA POT Establishments, Rideau and Sussex streets, make their appearance to-day, for the first time, in the columns of the FREE PRESS. It is useless for us to say more than that their Stores are well filled, and the proprietors ready as ever to dispense good things to all comers.

VERDICT IN FAVOR OF

**THE TEA POT.**



Some dealers in Tea, Sugar, Coffee and Spices,  
 From various causes were vieing in prices,  
 Till rivalry into fierce quarrel was veering,  
 Which timely wrs checked by some stranger app-  
 [pearing  
 "Fie! Fie!" he exclaimed. "let this quarrelling  
 [cease,  
 Your passions restrain, and disturb not the  
 [peace;  
 Low PRICES 'tis folly to quarrel about,  
 'Tis QUALITY, only, that's worth finding out—  
 Let's fairly and calmly put that to the test,  
 And we shall find out the cheapest and best;  
 And when 'tis decided, proclaimed, let it be,

Who sells the best Coffee and who the bet Tea."  
 The plan was approved of, and judges elected,  
 Whose honest opinions had ne'er been suspected;  
 When this Tea, and that Tea, they tasted in turn,  
 And then tried the Coffees from out a new urn  
 And in a few seconds returned to decide.  
 "Unbiassed, and void of all prejudice, we  
 Unite in asserting that ROBINSON'S TEA  
 We've put in each possible way to the test,  
 And find it to be really the CHEAPEST and BEST;  
 And as for their COFFEES, we also declare,  
 Such Coffee is not to be met with elsewhere."  
 Thus was ended a noisy affray,  
 And Robinson's Teas are the theme of the day.

**ROBINSON & Co.,**

THE TEA POT, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHMENTS: Union Block, Sussex Street, and Rideau Street.

**DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING TEA.**

- FIRST—See that the water boils before you attempt to brew the Tea.
- SECOND.—Never use hard water—it will spoil the best of Tea. If you cannot obtain soft water, put a small piece of Baking Soda, about the size of a pea into the Tea Pot, and you will find your Tea better and stronger.
- THIRD.—Attend to these directions, get your tea from THE TEA POT in Ottawa, and you will always have

**A CUP OF GOOD TEA.**

**THE VOLUNTEER MONUMENT FUND.**

Go one and all to the Ontario Bank, Sparks Street, and subscribe your dollar to the Volunteer Monument Fund. No good loyal Canadian can afford to miss the opportunity of contributing his mite to the valiant dead. The amount for each subscriber is wisely limited to one dollar, so that every person in the land may be permitted to contribute to this noble object. Go then Farmers, Mechanics, Labourers, Merchants, Clerks, Physicians, Lawyers, Clergymen, Judges,—all;—while you have the opportunity, go at once.

We advise the readers of the FREE PRESS to purchase their stock of boots and shoes early this fall. Although the present prices are high, the prospect now is that they will be still higher. Raw hides are still on the rise, with no prospect of a decline, because of the scarcity of cattle in the country; consequently, leather cannot be expected to fall very soon.

—A Boston correspondent of a Detroit paper asserts, as a positive fact, that the use of ardent spirits, by ladies occupying the highest positions in society, is becoming shamefully common.

—The imports of Montreal for the last six months have been \$13,000,000—being an increase of nearly \$6,500,000 over the same period of last year. The duties were \$2,375,250—being over \$1,000,000 of an increase.

**A NOVEL WAGER.**

An amusing story is now going the round of the Paris clubs. It appears that a short time ago a foreign prince made a heavy bet that he would be arrested by the police without committing any offence whatever, or in any way provoking the authorities. The bet having been taken by a member of the Imperial Club, the prince went to one of the most aristocratic cafes in Paris, dressed in a battered hat, a ragged blouse, and boots all in holes, and sitting down at one end of the tables, ordered a cup of coffee. The waiters, however, paid no attention to so suspicious-looking a customer, upon which the prince put his hand in his pocket, and showed them a bundle of bank notes. The proprietor then ordered the coffee to be served, sending, meanwhile to the nearest police station for a sergent-de-ville. The prince was duly arrested and taken to the commissary of police, where he stated who he was, and afterwards taken to the gentlemen with whom he made the bet to prove his identity. A similar story was told at Vienna some time ago of a Hungarian Prince Seander. M. de Metternich's son-in-law, who, in order to make his arrest quite sure, took the bank notes out of his boots.

I beg to call the attention of Lumbermen and others to my splendid assortment of MOCCASINS. As the stock of the above article is decidedly small throughout the province this season, those wishing a full supply will do well to call early.

F. G. Crosby.