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A * Large * Stock * of * Seasonable * Goods.

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My prices in all lines are as Low as any House; Lower than most of them. You are cordially invited to call and see me in my new quarters, and it will pay you to see my goods and prices before making your purchases. All kinds of Produce taken.

Remember the place:

Masonic Block, next door to Post Office, Fordwich.

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More Voting.

Since our last issue there have been two elections for the Commons held in Ontario, and in both instances Conservatives have been returned from constituencies which were previously strongly Reform.

In South Perth last Friday, Mr. Trow was defeated after a bitter struggle, by Mr. Pridham, the Conservative candidate, by a majority of 26. At the general elections last year Mr. Trow's majority was 177.

In Monck, on Monday, the Reformers suffered another sad reverse in the defeat of their candidate, Mr. Boyle winning by the large majority of 828. Last March Mr. Brown (Ref.) had 260 of a majority.

The Governments majority in the House is now made up as follows:

	Conservatives.	Oppositionists.
Ontario.....	33	32
Quebec.....	28	24
Nova Scotia.....	16	5
New Brunswick.....	14	1
British Columbia.....	6	0
Prince Edward Island.....	2	1
Manitoba.....	4	0
North West Territories.....	4	0

This means a majority of 58 on a division, the speaker not being included.

Last session the majority was 28 or 30, the increase being made up entirely from constituencies wrested from the Oppositions in the by-elections. It is hard to account for the wave of Conservative victories which have swept the country of late, except on the ground that the people refuse to follow the unrestricted reciprocity proposition. It is impossible to believe that voters are purchasable in such large numbers as would have been necessary to redeem all those constituencies, even if the government were (as some radical journals claim) out on the market buying. Nor can it be truthfully said that the swaying of the Roman Catholic vote is responsible, because in polling booths where this class of votes predominates very slight changes are noticeable since a year ago. Let us hope that the government will so legislate with wisdom and prudence that it will merit the enormous support which it has received.

Half a Million Colliers Out on Strike.

Last Saturday afternoon the most stupendous "strike" on record was inaugurated in England, which will place at least 500,000 out of employment, or as they express it themselves, give them a two-weeks holiday. This strike is simply an alliance of employe and employer to raise the price of coal in the British Isles. The ultimate result of this unique combine may prove to be much more disastrous than the employe expect. A brief review of the facts will not be uninteresting. Towards the close of last month the Miners' Federation, the membership of which, as we have already stated, exceeds 500,000 became alarmed by a proposal then under consideration by the Durham and Northumberland National Union of Miners for a reduction of wages in view of the declining tendency in profits, which the masters alleged to the men. The reduction first stipulated by the masters was 10 per cent. all round, but it was subsequently made seven per cent., or, as an alternative, five per cent. now and five per cent. again in May. The proposal was rejected by the men, but as there appeared to be some force in the case put forward by the masters, the colliers generously decided to settle the difficulty after their own fashion by taking a holiday for a fortnight on March 12. This course, they agreed, would sufficiently contract the output of coal to keep wages at their present standard, which, by the way, is forty per cent. in excess of what was paid a few years ago. The Miners' Federation endorsed the idea at once, promising to grant nine shillings per week to every head of a

family during "play," as they called it, with an additional shilling for each child. The masters, of course, had no reasonable objection to make. They lightheartedly and logically granted that all work and no play would make Jack Collier a black boy, and as a result of the proposed respite from the game of the pits would only be to get rid of all the surface coal at greatly increased prices, and thus benefit them exceedingly, they really could not condemn the idea. This looks to be fair enough, but what if outside coal comes in to compete against the home article? Should foreign coal once find a market in England it might be very difficult afterwards to dislodge it, and thus the price for labor be reduced in a way not agreeable to the "strikers" who are now willing to "bull" the market at the expense of the rich and poor millions who will be so seriously affected by the miners' and employers present unprecedented combination.

Wallace Township Council.

The municipal Council of Wallace met in the Township hall, Gowantown, on the 21st of February, pursuant to adjournment. All the members present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last session were read, and on motion adopted.

Bill of Hart & Co. for Rolls, Jurors List, Assessors Guide, Auditors declarations, \$9.40; Letter from B. S. Cook, late Reeve of Howick, re contract on townline; Bill of F. Smith for road scraper, \$9.75; W. Bradley for supplies to indigent, \$2.76; C. E. Coughlin, for gravel, \$5.30.

Moved by H. Coughlin, seconded by A. Kennedy, that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to let the contract for Township printing.—Carried.

The Auditors submitted their report. Moved by A. Kennedy, seconded by H. Coughlin, that the Auditors' report be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by H. Coughlin, seconded by A. Kennedy, that Thos. G. Anderson be caretaker of the township hall, same salary as last year.—Carried.

The following orders were passed:—Hart & Co., Assessors Rolls, etc. \$9.40; Mrs. Pierson, gravel, \$3; F. Smith, road scraper, \$9.75; John Blanch, gravel, \$1.75; S. G. Dixon, part payment, culvert, \$5.75; Wm. Schneider, 1 cord stove wood \$2; R. G. Roberts, repairing lock and furnishing key, 50c.; S. G. Dixon, repairing culvert, townline, 50c.; Wm. Bradley, supplies to indigent, \$2.75; W. Kennedy, 2 cords wood, widow Scheuch, \$3.50; C. E. Coughlin, gravel, \$5.30; G. Howe, auditors' salary, \$6; W. J. Somerville, auditors' salary, \$6.

Moved by H. Coughlin, seconded by A. Kennedy, that this council adjourn to meet on Saturday 26th March, to appoint pathmasters and to transact general business.—Carried.

R. G. ROBERTS, Clerk.

Orange Grand Lodge.

The Orange Grand Lodge of Western Ontario held its annual session at Owen Sound last week.

Grand Secretary Birmingham reported "that the year just closed has been a very prosperous one for our association, as shown by the returns received; 1920 members have been added by initiation, 828 by certificate and 154 have been reinstated, while our loss by expulsion has been 58 and by death 111; thus showing a most gratifying increase in membership as the result of the year's labors."

Grand Treasurer E. F. Clark reported that \$21,662.38 had been disbursed during the year, including \$18,700 for death endowments. The receipts for dues were \$2087.30, over \$300 more than last year, being a larger sum than that re-

ceived by the Grand Lodge from primary lodges in any previous year in its history.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Owen Sound, March 9.—The Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West elected these officers to-day: Wm. Nicholson, grand master; J. L. Hughes, D. G. M.; W. Lockhart, A. D. G. M.; E. F. Clarke, grand Treasurer; R. Birmingham, grand Secretary; Rev. William Walsh, grand Chaplain; Charles H. Baillie, grand Lecturer; Charles Polling, G. D. of C.

The management of the Orange Mutual Benefit Society was discussed at length and transferred to the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge came to a close at six o'clock. Orangeville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

On and after Tuesday, the 15th inst., civil service employees will have to pay postage on private correspondence, and persons sending letters to members of the service at Ottawa also must pay.

The farmers in the county Tyrone, Ireland, have sustained severe losses through the heavy snow storms that have prevailed there. Thousands of sheep have perished in the mountains.

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Highest Price Paid for Grain.

The mill is fitted throughout with the very best roller process machinery and appliances and we are confident of being able to give perfect satisfaction.

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STOCK * TAKING

We shall be busy taking stock for the balance of this month.

Our discount sale for December succeeded quite equal to our anticipations, but while we are taking Stock and prior to getting in new

SPRING GOODS

We shall make sweeping reductions in

DRESS GOODS,

READY MADE CLOTHING,

TWEEDS & FURS.

We have a few odd lines that we will sell at less than one-half of Wholesale prices.

Boots * and * Shoes.

Owing to want of room we have decided to go out of the Boot & Shoe trade, and in order to do so we will sell the balance of our Stock at cost. So look out for Bargains.

WANTED!

In exchange for goods, 200 cords of good hard wood, will take a limited quantity of Cord Wood. Highest market prices will be paid.

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