

"SHORTY."

An agent was found deficient five dollars on an inspection. The assistant entered in the ledger, just above his remittance, in red ink, the word "shortage," and placed the sum of five dollars in the cash column; the agent looked at

it for a few minutes and then said: "How do you know I did?" The assistant said: "How do I know what?" "Why, that I collected five dollars from 'Shorty' Taggett?" "Why, I don't say you did." "Well, you hit it on the head, anyway, for I did, and I am going to put it in this week, so's it'll be O. K. I just kept it out for a few weeks." We don't think any more may be said here. The assistant nearly fainted. The agent paid his five dollars, and he is now looking for work.—Insurance Monitor.

—Rev. S. Edward Young, of Pittsburg, has just returned from Russia, where he made a study of the language, church, conditions of the people, and the genius of the Russian Government. He denies the report that Tolstoy's works are suppressed, and states that he saw them for sale in Russia at public bookstalls in Moscow, Minsk, Warsa, and other cities.

—"I am so absolutely ignorant of clubs and like organizations, that I may be said to know nothing about them. What is

the difference, by the way, between an active and an honorary member of an association?" "Well, when you make a comparative estimate of the fees and assessments required of one, and the donations expected of the other, the difference is anywhere from \$1 to \$500 a year."—Richmond Despatch.

Town of Port Arthur Debentures.

Tenders are Invited for the Purchase of the Following Debentures.

1.—\$30,000—For the development of the Water Power of Current River for Electric Railway, Electric Light and Power Purposes. Repayable in twenty years from the 25th day of February, 1901, interest at five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on June 1st and December 1st.

Tendered price to include accrued interest on Coupons maturing December 1st, 1901, in case of delivery of Debentures before that date.

2.—\$15,000—For the purpose of erecting an addition to The Port Arthur Public School. Repayable in thirty years from the 1st day of November, 1901, interest at five per cent. per annum payable semi-annually on May 1st and November 1st.

The above Debentures and interest are payable at The Ontario Bank, Toronto.

Tenders to be given for each separate parcel and successful Tenderers to pay The Ontario Bank, Toronto, on delivery of Debentures. Tenders to be in the hands of the undersigned not later than November 22nd 1901. For any information desired address, Town Clerk.

J. McTEIGUE

Treasurer.

Port Arthur, November 1st, 1901.

MIDDLESEX DEBENTURES.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tenders for Debentures" will be received at the office of the undersigned up to four o'clock p.m. on **Thursday, December 5th, 1901**, for the purchase of **\$20,000** County of Middlesex Consolidated Debt Debentures, bearing three and one-half per cent., interest payable semi-annually on the 30th of June and the 30th of December. Principal payable in gold on the 30th day of December, 1921.

Each tender must state a lump sum payable at par in London, Ont., on December 31st, 1901, where and when the debentures will be delivered. The Corporation does not bind itself to accept any tender. Further particulars on application.

A. M. McEVOY,

Treasurer.

County Buildings, London, Ontario,
December 11th, 1901.

Tenders For Supplies, 1902

The undersigned will receive tenders up to noon on **MONDAY, 25TH INST.**, for supplies of butchers' meat, creamery butter, flour, oatmeal, potatoes, cordwood etc., etc., for the following institutions during the year 1902, viz.:

At the Asylums for the insane in Toronto, London, Kingston, Hamilton, Minto, Brockville, Cobourg and Orillia; the Central Prison and Mercer Reformatory, Toronto; the Reformatory for Boys, Penetanguishene; the Institutions for Deaf and Dumb, Belleville and the Blind at Brantford.

Exception—Tenders are not required for the supply of meat to the asylums in Toronto, London, Kingston, Hamilton and Brockville, nor for the Central Prison and Mercer Reformatory, Toronto.

A marked cheque for five per cent. of the estimated amount of the contract, payable to the order of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, must be furnished by each tenderer as a guarantee of his bona fides. Two sufficient sureties will be required for the due fulfilment of each contract, and should any tender be withdrawn before the contract is awarded, or should the tenderer fail to furnish such security, the amount of the deposit will be forfeited.

Specifications and forms of tender may be had on application to the Department of the Provincial Secretary, Toronto, or to the Bursars of the respective institutions.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

J. R. STRATTON,

Provincial Secretary.

Parliament Buildings, Toronto, November 11th, 1901.



THE Crown domain of the Province of Ontario contains an area of over 100,000,000 acres, a large part of which is comprised in geological formations known to carry valuable minerals of various kinds, and which extend northward from the great lakes, and westward from the Ottawa River to the Manitoba boundary.

Iron in large bodies of magnetite and hematite; copper in sulphide and native form; gold, mostly in free-milling quartz; silver, native and sulphide; zincblende, galena, pyrites, mica, graphite, talc, marl, brick clay, building stones of all kinds, and other useful minerals have been found in many places, and are being worked at the present time.

In the famous Sudbury region Ontario possesses one of the two sources of the world's supply of nickel, and the known deposits of this metal are very large. Recently discoveries of corundum have been made in Eastern Ontario, which are believed to be the most extensive in existence.

The output of iron, copper, and nickel in 1900 was much beyond that of any previous year, and large developments in these industries are now going on.

In the older parts of the Province, salt, petroleum and natural gas are important products.

The mining laws of Ontario are liberal, and the prices of mineral lands low. Title by freehold or lease, on working conditions for seven years. There are no royalties.

The climate is unsurpassed, wood and water are plentiful, and in the summer season the prospector can go almost anywhere in a canoe. The Canadian Pacific Railway runs through the entire mineral belt.

For reports of the Bureau of Mines, maps, mining laws, etc., apply to

HON. E. J. DAVIS, Commissioner of Crown Lands,

THOS. W. GIBSON, Director Bureau of Mines, Toronto, Ont.