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TOWNSHIP TELEPHONES.

Editor World: From your editorial of the 24th inst. it would seem necessary to have special legislation passed in order that the township should own the telephone system. It had been the hope of many residents of Chinguacousy to induce the council to submit a by-law to the ratepayers, granting the money necessary for the purchase of the system. Would you kindly let us know if this scheme is entirely impracticable, either thru the columns of your paper or by letter?
T. Chetnam, Nov. 26.

Under the law, as it stands (Chap. 41, Ontario Statutes, 1906), a petition may be presented to the council praying for the establishment of a local telephone system and the council may by bylaw provide at the expense of the subscribers for the establishment and maintenance of such system.

The cost of construction and maintenance is to be defrayed by the subscribers.

This is not public ownership, although it is a step in the right direction. But surely Mr. Chetnam, M.L.A., can have the law amended within a month or two. It has no doubt been called to his attention. What does he say about it?

ITALIANS ARE FORGING AHEAD.

This week has witnessed a double triumph for Italy. In New York Dorando won the Marathon, running 26 miles in two hours and forty-five minutes. At Savannah, the Italian-built motor car distanced all competitors, covering 196 miles in less than three hours and a quarter, thus averaging nearly 54 miles per hour.

The sons of Italy have had a new birth in the unification of their country. The spirit of nationality has quickened great achievement, as it did in the United States and as it is doing in Canada. In the middle ages superiority was largely a civic ideal. It was the city, not the country, which appealed to the Roman, the Venetian, the Florentine and the Neapolitan. Indeed Italians were the last to realize that their development must proceed along the broad lines of a united nation.

We are apt to judge this virile people unjustly. They are, as a nation, industrious, frugal and honest. They migrate to foreign lands where they find hard work to do, and they do it without complaint. But the faithful to his toil, the Italian does not forget his past or despair of his ambition. We may soon expect to find him a competitor in many fields where to-day he is unknown.

OKLAHOMA REGULATES EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Oklahoma, the youngest of the United States, enjoys the most advanced and democratic of state constitutions, and has taken pains to secure for its citizens fair and reasonable public services. Like New York and other states, Oklahoma has a commission designed to keep public utility corporations within proper bounds, and the board has just issued a comprehensive order, regulating express traffic and tariffs within the state. The scale now established is the work of an expert who has made diligent research into existing tariffs and conducted a thorough investigation into local conditions. While in some cases no alteration in the previous rates, has been made, many others have been reduced by percentages ranging up to 30 per cent.; an entirely new classification basis has been established, the commission holding the previous one to have been exorbitant, and stringent rules are laid down with regard to the acceptance of express commodities by the carriers and the general conduct of their business.

Under the tariffs provided in the new order, the merchandise scale, starting at 30c per cwt., for distances of twenty miles and under, progresses on a graduated scale on twenty and fifty-mile breaks, to a maximum of 40c per cwt., the maximum charge being 32c per cwt. In the case of packages less than 100 pounds, the tariff is graduated from a minimum charge of 25c to the full rate per cwt. This classification embodies regular mercantile commodities.

Rates applicable to fruits and necessities of life take a rate of 80 per cent. of the above, while the rate on vegetables takes a charge of 60 per cent. of the merchandise rate. The fee rate also is 60 per cent. of the merchandise rate. Joint rates are made on a basis of express rates to and from stations at junction points, with a deduction of 10 per cent. An extremely low milk rate is provided in the revised tariff, starting with a ten-gallon can carried

ten miles or under, 10c, the maximum for 400 miles being 37c.

The commission require the express companies to observe the following rules: Business offices must be kept open during reasonable hours; depot offices must accept commodities up to within 30 minutes of time of train departure, and uptown offices to within one hour of time of departure; all commodities so accepted must be forwarded by the first available train. All this shows, and that such regulations are needed at all points to the failure of the Oklahoma express companies to recognize their obligations to the people. The rate reduction is another reminder to them that public services must not be loaded with all that the traffic can bear, but that profits must be restricted to a reasonable amount. These and the like requirements are anathema to corporations, but the day will come, and is coming fast, when they will be universally recognized as necessary conditions for the conduct of public services.

GRANGE THE GUARDIAN OF AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS

Some Parliamentarians Talk Tariff, Bounties, C. P. R. Stock and Automobiles.

The 34th session of the Dominion Grange opened in Toronto yesterday with a large attendance of farmers. Master Lethbridge of Alliance occupied the chair and in his opening address scored several political practices in vogue to-day.

Senate reform, Mr. Lethbridge remarked, is still in the air, but "after waiting for 11 or 12 years for the fulfillment of promises made along this line, the only noticeable change is a raise of salary from \$1000 a session to \$2500."

Strengthen the Preference.
The legislative committee presented a report which thanked the Dominion Government for eliminating duties on British goods. That the principle of protection be eliminated generally. That advances by the States looking toward better trade relations be met in a friendly spirit.

The entire cessation of bonuses to railways was recommended, and a searching investigation of all concerns receiving tariff protection or bounties.

Railway Taxation.
The master pressed for further railway taxation and reduction in fares.

"The farmer," he declared, in presenting a mass of statistics, "pays over \$3 taxes to \$1 paid by railways at the same valuation, and the traveling public in Ontario pays three cents per mile, while the Michigan traveler on the same road pays two."

At the afternoon session E. C. Drury of Crown Hill, well known to the people of Ontario as an ardent advocate of the rights of agriculturists, introduced the following resolutions:

Agricultural Population Decreasing.
While this organization represents the farming interests of this country, and in a special way directs its energies towards the betterment of the numbers and prosperity of our agricultural class, as the only sure foundation of all other forms of prosperity. We would therefore beg to direct the attention not only of this meeting, but of our statesmen and politicians, and of every patriotic citizen, to the fact that our agricultural population, the only sure indication of the prosperity of the calling, is in every province east of Manitoba, actually decreasing, while even in the prairie provinces the increase of rural population is much slower than that of the urban population. In our Province of Ontario during the last ten years there has been an average annual decrease in the rural population of 6225, while the towns have shown an annual increase of 8869 and the cities of 15,457. If it

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continues it is not hard to see in the ultimate result disaster, not only to the farmers of this country, but to the nation at large. To resist at unjust demands and to do what we can to remove the unjust burdens which now fall so heavily on the farming class, is our duty, not only to ourselves, but to the country. In this we would ask help not only of all farmers, but of all thoughtful and patriotic citizens, whatever their occupation or political creed.

The Tariff.
"The first and perhaps the most important matter before us is that of the tariff. Our protective policy bears very heavily on the agricultural classes, without any compensating advantages. We are firmly convinced that no tariff can be framed which will be of any advantage to the general agriculture of this country, which must for a very long period at least, depend on our export market to fix prices. On the other hand, it is undoubtedly true that the cost of operating every farm and maintaining every farmer's family is very materially increased as the result of the protective tariff. In fact, the whole of the immense burden of protection may be said to fall on the farming and laboring classes, and most heavily on the farmer. During the year just passed the question of the tariff has remained practically as it was, in spite of the determined efforts of the Manufacturers' Association to raise the rate of duty, particularly in the case of the woolen industry."

"We would not urge a sudden change, but would recommend a reduction by a certain definite annual percentage, and that any movement on the part of the United States looking for better trade relations with Canada be met with a frank and friendly spirit, with a view of bringing about the development of the relations which should exist between kindred people, occupying territories that interlock along a 4000 mile frontier."

Bounties and Bonuses.
"We believe that this practice has a strong tendency to corrupt not only the management and organization of the companies interested, but the political life of the nation. In this regard we would particularly urge that the bounties on iron and steel be discontinued entirely at the end of the term they are granted for, and that no further additions should be made in future to the list of bountied industries. We would also condemn the use of the people's money in the subsidizing of an all-railway passenger steamships. We do not believe this project would be of any material advantage to the nation at large."

C. P. R. Stock.
"The custom of the C.P.R. of allowing present stock holders to buy issues of new stock at par, is brought to our notice. The stock thus purchased is worth at the time of purchase from \$150 up and the selling of it at par is practically equal to the adding of so much water to the stock of the company. This would perhaps be the company's own business were it not for the fact that Canada is under an agreement with the United States to limit the issue of stock to 10 per cent. on its capital stock. The issue of stock at less than its market value delays the time when such control may be exercised, and thus it is a matter of national concern to put a stop to the practice. We believe that action should be taken immediately to stop these issues of stock to shareholders and to compel the sale of all new issues of stock at the current market value."

(Signed) E. C. Drury, Jas. McEwing, John W. Hyatt, Wm. F. W. Fisher, J. G. Lethbridge, et al.
The resolutions were held over for consideration.
H. J. Pettypiece, ex-M.L.A., of the Forth Free Press, addressed the order on his favorite theme of railway rates and taxation.
W. C. Good gave an address on direct legislation. As a result of a discussion which followed Mr. McEwing, M.L.A.-elect, was asked to introduce a bill in the legislature dealing with railway taxation and providing for submission of the measure, by the legislature, to a popular vote.

The following officers were elected at the evening session: Master, H. Drury, Crown Hill; overseer, Miss Robinson, Middlemarch; secretary-treasurer, J. G. Lethbridge, Alliance; lecturer, J. L. Warren, Acton; steward, Peter Gilchrist, Gamebridge; assistant steward, J. J. Morrison, Wellington; chaplain, Jas. Fallis, Newbridge; gatekeeper, Jas. A. Glenn, Glenworth; cress, Miss Fitzgibbon, Middlemarch; pomona, Miss McNevin, St. Thomas; flora, Miss Philip, Whitby; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Morcambe, Whitby.

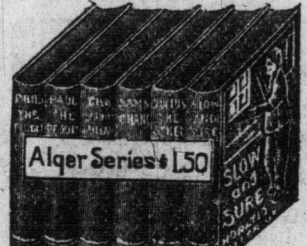
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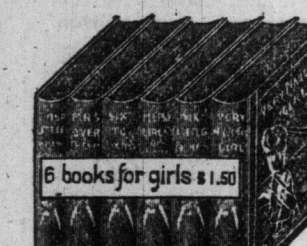
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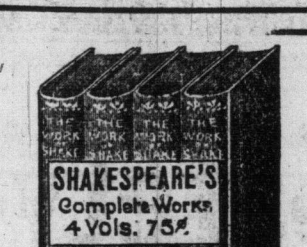
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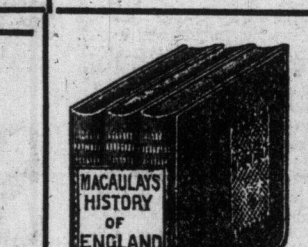
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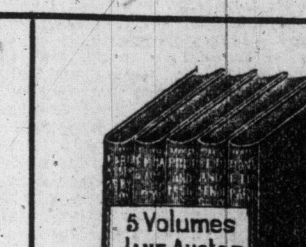


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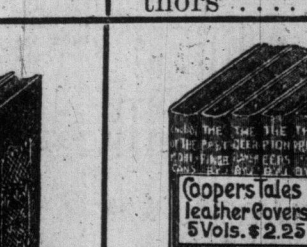


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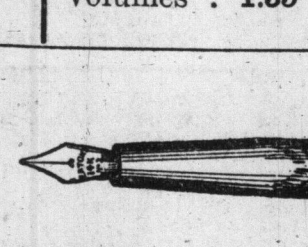


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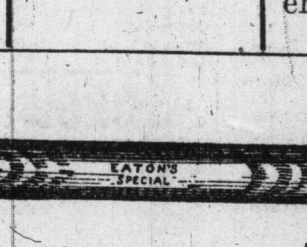
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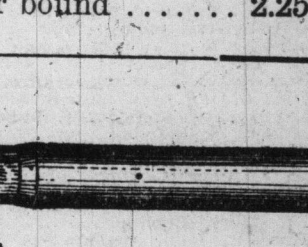
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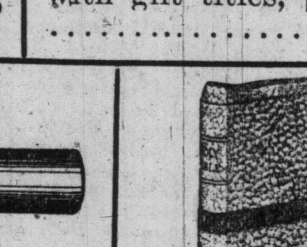
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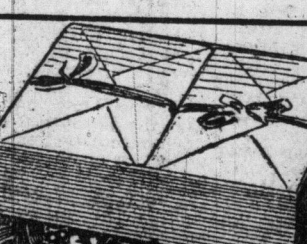
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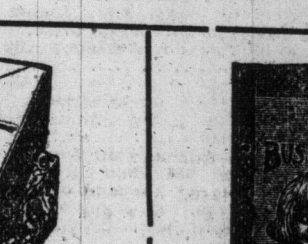
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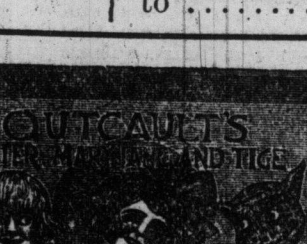
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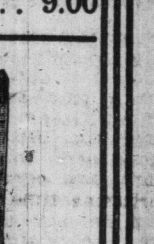
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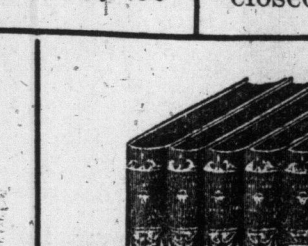
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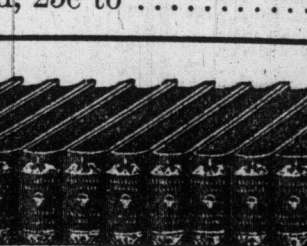
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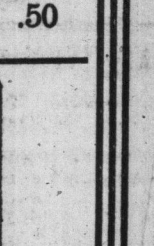
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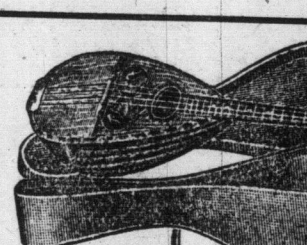
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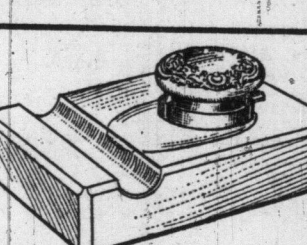
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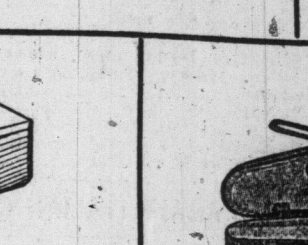
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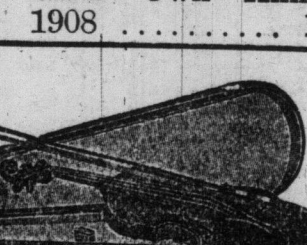
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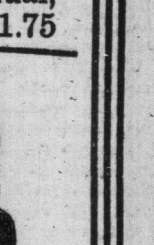
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