

ELECTION BOOTHS FREE FROM SMOKE

Change This Year, for Which
W. C. T. U. Expresses Ap-
proval at Meeting.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday afternoon in Somerset Hall. The attendance was unusually large, and the exercises were full of interest. After a brief prayer, some routine business was transacted. Arrangements for the coming year in the third week of February of Rev. Wilbur Crafts, of Washington, were completed.

Mrs. Scollie, of West London, was appointed franchise superintendent, and Mrs. Carson, financial superintendent. The following resolution was carried by a standing vote:

"Resolved that we desire to express our pleasure at the improved condition in so many of the polling booths. Formerly the rooms set apart for the exercise of the high duties of citizenship were commonly filled with men puffing at pipes or cigars. The woman elector who came to exercise her franchise was compelled to do so in an atmosphere completely saturated with tobacco smoke. On Jan. 1 of this year these unpleasant conditions were modified or entirely absent. Many who voted for the first time expressed their agreeable surprise."

These details out of the way, Mrs. Frank White conducted the thanksgiving service, taken part in by five ladies. The next 30 minutes had been reserved for election experiences, and they were keenly enjoyed by the audience. The incidents related ranged from the ludicrous to the pathetic, and their recital could have been prolonged for double the length of time, as not one-half of those who interviewed the voters and scattered campaign literature were heard from.

The treasurer, Miss Alice Yeates, gave the monthly report as follows: Balance on hand from last month, \$419.35; total receipts this month, \$48.80; total disbursements, \$150.26; balance on hand, \$308.89. The corresponding secretary read a letter of thanks from a lady in the Rainy River district, to whom had been sent by the women a quantity of clothing and toys for the wives and children of destitute settlers. Much gratitude was expressed, and another letter, telling of the Christmas distribution, was promised. A letter from a prominent worker in Owen Sound detailing the wonderful circumstances that surrounded the purchase of the two hotels that were to run as temperance houses, and the manner in which the local option campaign grew out of these business transactions was listened to with the deepest interest. This closed the programme, and the audience adjourned to the array of daintily rose-scented tables under the charge of Mrs. W. A. Magee. Social chat ran away with another half hour before the guests were aware of it, and hasty good-bys mingled with ardent assurances of the pleasure and profit derived were heard on every side.

NEW BANK DIRECTORS

Successors to Alexander, Depew,
Hyde and McCurdy Elected.

New York, Jan. 9.—Charles H. Allen, Paul D. Cravath, Victor Moritz and Paul Morton were today elected directors of the National Bank of Commerce. Mr. Allen is an official of the Morton Trust Company, Messrs. Cravath and Moritz are prominent financiers, and Mr. Morton is the new president of the Equitable Life.

These men are supposed to take the places of James W. Alexander, Chauncey M. Depew, James H. Hyde and Richard A. McCurdy.

A PREFECT ASSASSINATED

Police Official in Russian Poland
Killed in Street.

Novominsk, Russian Poland, Jan. 9.—Prefect Iwanatskevich was assassinated today while he was driving in a sleigh from the railway station. His little daughter, who was sitting by his side, was wounded.

Ohatoff, Russian Poland, Jan. 9.—A lieutenant of police was killed and two policemen wounded here today.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—Martial law was today declared at Ekaterinodar, South Russia; Simsky, in the Government of Kaarkoff, Novorossysk, of the east coast of the Black Sea; Yuzovka, on the north shore of the Sea of Azov; and Smoleia, in the Government of Kiief.

Baron Ritchie Dead.

London, Jan. 9.—Charles T. Ritchie, first Baron Ritchie, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was stricken last night with paralysis, died today at Biarritz, France.

The Health of Mind and Body.

The mind is dependent on the brain, and the brain in turn is a bundle of nerve cells, which are nourished and sustained by pure, rich blood. Hence the absolute necessity of supplying the elements from which blood is made.

These elements of nature which go to form new, rich blood and revitalize wasted and depleted nerve cells are Chase's Nerve Food.

By using this great food cure you supply the material substances from which are formed brain and nerve force. It may take weeks, or even months, to thoroughly restore your health with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, but you can be absolutely certain that every dose of this great food cure is at least of some benefit to you.

The healthful complexion, the well-rounded forms, the energy and elasticity of movement characteristic of persons who have used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, are the strongest evidence of its wonderful restorative influence. 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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buy a house without carefully examining its construction, foundations, etc. Use the same discrimination in buying a piano.

You have delayed installing a piano in the home because you thought you could not afford a good one.

We admire the spirit which prompted the delay, but there is no longer any sound reason for further delay.

You can own the best piano in Canada, this

Mason & Risch

The Piano with a Soul

without making any great sacrifice.

Call and let us prove to your satisfaction that the Mason & Risch is the most durable Piano, that its famed and beautiful tone is lasting.

Let us show you constructional devices—exclusive to our piano—for all points of superiority we claim for it.

The Mason & Risch Piano Co., Limited
32 West King Street, Toronto.
London Warerooms, 211 Dundas St.

SMALL OVERDRAFT AT THE HOSPITAL

Trust Overruns Appropriation
by \$500 — Mr. Screaton
Chairman for 1906.

The inaugural meeting of the hospital trust of 1906 was held yesterday afternoon, Mayor Judd and Trustees Screaton and Jackson present. Trustees Labatt and Mathison were absent. Mr. Samuel Screaton was re-elected chairman of the trust, on motion of Mayor Judd and Mr. Jackson.

It was disclosed that an overdraft of about \$1,500 remains from 1905. Mayor Judd suggested the city hall be the meeting-place of the hospital trust in the future, and the suggestion was favorably considered by the other members. It is not at all unlikely that the meetings will shortly be held there, the conference to the trustees being much grater.

Superintendent Heard submitted his monthly report. It was shown that during December 137 patients were admitted to the hospital, of whom 53 were males, 84 females and 20 children. One hundred and twenty-four were discharged—41 males, 82 females and 21 children. Six births and as many deaths were reported. One hundred and ninety-two patients were under treatment on Dec. 31. Thirty-three operations had taken place.

The total expenses for December amounted to \$4,248.01, and the total receipts \$1,828.80.

It may interest many to know that the number of towels used during the year was 1,205 and the pieces of linen 3,549. The hospital makes every possible effort toward cleanliness, and its laundry expenses are very heavy. The large amount of linen used is an indication of the cleanliness insisted upon.

THE FAIR SEX BOTHERED C.B.

Female Clamorers for Suffrage
Ejected From a Banner-
man Meeting.

London, Jan. 9.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman spoke tonight at Liverpool. He was heckled by the women suffragists.

The Premier said that personally he was in favor of suffrage for women, but that he declined to pledge his party in the matter.

Several of the women were ejected. Some changes are involved in the latest arrangement for the beginning of the elections. The first election will take place at Ipswich, Jan. 12.

There appears to be some difference of opinion regarding the legality of such an early date, but all four candidates for Ipswich have agreed not to raise this question of legality.

Some 25 elections in various districts will take place Jan. 12, including all the districts of Manchester, in which city Former Premier Balfour and Winston Spencer Churchill are running.

Captain Cecil William Norton, junior lord of the treasury, and Geo. Wyndham, former chief secretary for Ireland, also vary among the candidates for election Jan. 12.

The polling at Greenwich, where Lord Hugh Cecil, leader of the Conservative Free Traders is running against a Liberal Chamberlainite, will take place Jan. 15. On the latter date also the elections will be held in many outlying divisions of London and throughout the country, the results of which will show the drift of the popular vote.

Among the contestants on Jan. 15 will be H. O. Arnold-Forster, former secretary of war; Herbert John Gladstone, secretary of home affairs; Gerald Balfour, former president of the board of trade; James Bryce, chief secretary for Ireland, and Sir Henry Hartley Fowler, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is pestered with letters from people in all parts of the world offering tame animals for pets. The great actress has been asked to buy everything, from a gorilla to a python.

There is something wrong with the heart when it hurts you to see others happy.

Great Half-Yearly Clearing Sale Now On

Greatest Programme of Clothing Economy Ever Offered by This Or Any Other Store in This City.

Our Half-Yearly Clearing Sales have become so well known throughout Canada, and especially in our home cities that it is hardly necessary to recapitulate their purposes and advantages at this date. They have become events of such vast importance that they claim from us greater endeavor each succeeding season. ONCE MORE our great Half-Yearly Sale is with us, and ONCE AGAIN this store asserts its ACKNOWLEDGED LEADERSHIP in the clothing world, and offers the people of this city and vicinity A MOST ASTOUNDING ARRAY OF VALUES AT PRICES THAT CHALLENGE THE ENTIRE CLOTHING TRADE.

Determined to outdo all past undertakings, and fully resolved to show beyond all question that this is Canada's Greatest Clothing House, we start this Great Half-Yearly Sale with the most DARING PRICE REDUCTIONS in our long history; such reductions as no other clothing concern can or will endeavor to equal. We're ready for the severest tests to offer unprecedented saving chances. We're ready to prove to you the purchasing power of ready cash, yours and ours. We're ready to show the difference between sweat shop clothing and

GRAFTON'S PEERLESS HIGH-GRADE

We're ready to prove that, in this day of substitution and adulteration, constant insistence for quality brings results. In a word, we're prepared to offer you clothing opportunities that will compel your most serious consideration, and win your best approbation.

We throw down the gauntlet to all clothing houses, and simply defy them to match our prices.

We stand alone in this great achievement of bargain giving. OUR GREAT FACTORY with THE BUSY HUM OF SKILLED TAILORS, PRODUCING ONLY MOST DEPENDABLE CLOTHING, is the true secret of our ability to UNDERSELL ALL COMPETITORS.

OVERCOATS

An immense assortment, every garment new, crisp and clean, many of them made up specially for Christmas trade. The art of the designer, the skill of the workman, the turn of the collar, the lay of the lapel, all bear mute evidence of the superiority of Grafton's garments. Here are the exact reductions:

Overcoats worth \$13.00, sale price.....	\$9.98
Overcoats worth 6.50, sale price.....	3.98
Overcoats worth 7.50, sale price.....	4.98
Overcoats worth 8.50, sale price.....	5.98
Overcoats worth 10.00, sale price.....	6.98
Overcoats worth 11.00, sale price.....	7.98
Overcoats worth 12.00, sale price.....	8.48

Overcoats worth \$14.00, sale price.....	\$9.98
Overcoats worth 15.00, sale price.....	11.98
Overcoats worth 16.00, sale price.....	11.98
Overcoats worth 17.00, sale price.....	12.98
Overcoats worth 18.00, sale price.....	12.98
Overcoats worth 20.00, sale price.....	14.98

Cravenette Raincoats.

Even great success demands a penalty. This past season we sold twice the quantity of Cravenette Coats we ever sold in a single season. Our manufacturing plant was put in full swing on these when it should have been making up for the coming summer; in short, we over-produced. Over-production always cheapens the product and the public reap the benefit. We must and will sell over 500 of these in the next few weeks. Mark the great reductions:

\$ 6.50 Cravenette Coats, at this sale.....	\$3.98
8.50 Cravenette Coats, at this sale.....	4.98
10.50 Cravenette Coats, at this sale.....	5.98

\$12.00 Cravenette Coats, at this sale.....	\$6.98
14.00 Cravenette Coats, at this sale.....	9.98
15.00 and \$16 Cravenette Coats, at this sale	11.98

This is an ad. you can trust from a store you can trust.

Men's Tweed and Worsted Suits

Bear in mind in speaking of these suits we are not talking to you about the very ordinary kind so generally sold. We are telling you of the kind of clothes that has caused thousands of Canada's most careful dressers to quit the expensive tailor and adopt the convenience and economy of the Ready-to-Wear System. Hundreds of suits here for you to select from at the following tremendous price concessions:

\$ 5.00 Canadian Tweed Suits, now.....	\$ 2.98
6.00 Canadian Tweed Suits, now.....	3.98
7.50 Canadian Tweed Suits, now.....	4.98
8.50 Canadian Tweed Suits, now.....	5.98
10.00 Imported and Canadian Tweed Suits, now....	6.98
12.00 Imported Tweed and Worsted Suits, now.....	7.98
13.00 Imported Tweed and Worsted Suits, now.....	9.98
14.00 Imported Tweed and Worsted Suits, now.....	9.98
15.00 Imported Tweed and Worsted Suits, now.....	10.98
16.00 Fancy Worsted Suits, now.....	11.98
18 and \$20 Imported Fancy Worsted Suits, now....	12.98

Boys' Two-Piece Suits, Sizes 20 to 28.

This lot includes every style of two-garment suit. The ever-popular Buster Brown being a prominent feature in the smaller sizes. Our stock in this department is very heavy, hence the tremendous reductions shown below:

Blouse Suits, in fine English Serge, braided in various colors, \$1.50 values.....	98c
Blouse Suits, Worsted Serge, \$2.00 values.....	\$1.25
Norfolk and Prussian Suits, \$2.50 values.....	1.48
D. B. and Norfolk Suits, \$3.00 values.....	1.98

D. B. and Russian Suits, \$4.00 values.....	\$2.48
Buster Brown and Eton Suits, \$4.00 values.....	2.48
Buster Brown and Tweed Suits, \$5.00 values.....	2.98
Fancy Suits in English Worsted, all styles, \$6.00 to \$6.50 values.....	3.98

Men's Ulster Overcoats.

About 100 of these warm, comfortable garments, sizes 36 to 46, all made from pure all-wool freize (both imported and Canadian). Linings are strong, slightly and comfortable, making of the very best Grafton kind. These must every coat be sold, and these prices will accomplish the object in quick order.

Men's Ulster Overcoats, \$7.50 values.....	\$4.98
Men's Ulster Overcoats, \$8.50 values.....	5.98

Men's Ulster Overcoats, \$10.00 values.....	\$6.98
Men's Ulster Overcoats, \$12.00 values.....	7.98

One trial will convince you that this is the store that sets the pace.

Men's Peajackets.

Skaters, Teamsters, Pedestrians and others wanting a handy, comfortable and slightly garment will find a big supply here at little prices	
\$2.98 for Peajackets, worth \$4.00	\$4.98 for Peajackets, worth \$7.50
\$3.48 for Peajackets, worth \$4.50	\$4.48 for Peajackets, worth \$6.00
	\$3.98 for Peajackets, worth \$5.00

We hurl defiance and boldly challenge the entire clothing trade, wholesale or retail, to match our prices.

Conditions Governing Special Sales.

We assert boldly that this is the most complete and broadest sale ever commenced in this city, that it encompasses the most magnificent assortment of garments ever offered to the public at such great price reductions; therefore, we are naturally anxious to have as many of our friends (and customers in particular) as possible participate in

the great advantages it offers. It is, therefore, necessary to attach the following conditions, which will in every instance be rigidly enforced:

We reserve the right to refuse to sell dealers; this is done to prevent large quantities of our best offerings being bought up for merchandising purposes, depriving our customers and the general public of the great buying opportunities of this Sale.

No goods sent on approval. All purchases must be paid for, but pursuing our usual custom, money cheerfully refunded if you're not fully satisfied.

No goods exchanged without the bill of purchase and premium tickets being returned.

No mail orders filled from this advertisement, as whole lots are liable to be sold out in a single day.

In every instance we guarantee per-

fect satisfaction or your money back. Customers are asked as much as possible to take home their purchases, as in the immense rush always attending our sales, we find it impossible to make prompt deliveries.

Goods held for a time, not exceeding 30 days, on payment of a deposit. Customers not calling within that time, goods will be sold and deposit refunded to them.

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J. M. Hickey,
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