THIRTY OPENINGS IN ETNA'S SIDES

Lava Streams Wiping Out Living of Many Thousands.

A GREAT DISASTER

Sixty-five Cities and Villages Are Threatened With Destruction.

[Canadian Press.]

Catania, Sicily, Sept. 13.—The eruption of Mount Etna is assuming the proportions of a real disaster. The lava stream, whose path crosses the railway line circling the volcano, is approaching the railway stations to the north, and especially threatening the depots of Molo and Alcantara, which were abandoned today.

Squads of laborers were at work today taking up the railroad tracks and removing all transportable material to places of safety, with the idea of minimizing the losses.

The entire crest of Mount Etna appears to be in a state of ebullition. An exact count of the number of fissures is impossible, because of the smoke which shrouds the whole mountain, but there seemed to be more than thirty openings, all belching smoke and lava.

The eruption means great suffering for the peasantry. The slopes of Etna, with an area of more than 400 square miles, support a population more dense than that of any other portion of Sicily or Italy. There are 65 cities and villages in the entire area, and the number of inhabitants, which obtain an excellent agricultural living from the fertile lava beds, totals more than 300,000.

OTTER TO BE FOLLOWED BY GENERAL COTTON

Change in Command of Militia to Take Place Shortly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Changes are likely to be made at the top of the Canadian militia organization shortly. Gen. Otter has completed the term of service which entitles him to full pension, and will retire. He will probably be succeeded by Gen. Cotton, who is now in command of the Western Ontario division. This command will probably go to Brigadier-Gen. Lessard. To succeed Gen. Lessard, Col. Henry Panet and Col. Septimus Dennison are spoken of.

ROYAL WEDDING RUMOR

[Canadian Press.]

London, Sept. 13.—An interesting report current is that Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, the newly-commissioned Governor-General of Canada, is engaged to marry Prince Irene, daughter of the Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna, who is a sister of Emperor Nicholas of Russia. It is stated that the formal announcement of the betrothal will be made before the Connaughts sail for Canada.

NEW AUTO RECORD.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—A new automobile record between Buffalo and Chicago was established yesterday by Gaylord Warner, of the Chicago Motor Club, who covered the distance in 24 hours.

Digestion and Assimilation.

It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions naturally. For sale by all dealers. 1

SIFTON'S QUERIES DISPOSED OF

Dr. Macdonald Answers Them in Address at St. Marys.

HISTORY OF THE PACT

Struggle of the Great Mass of the People For Their Rights.

St. Marys, Sept. 13.—Dr. J. A. Macdonald was the principal speaker at a great Liberal rally here tonight. The Opera House was packed to the doors. The fact that Hon. Clifford Sifton addressed a meeting in the Conservative interest on the previous evening added greatly to the interest. Dr. Macdonald replied effectively to the questions by Mr. Sifton printed and circulated, which had been on the hand bills. His address was most powerful and convincing.

Mayor Sanderson was chairman, and in introducing the candidate for South Perth, Deputy Speaker G. H. McIntyre, referred to the fact that Mr. McIntyre's services had received the indorsation of both parties in the House. Mr. McIntyre will in the natural order of events be the next speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. McIntyre spoke briefly, but delivered a death blow to the familiar "let-well-enough-alone" argument.

An Important Subject.

Dr. Macdonald said that the subject was far more important than the success of any politician or party; it goes down to the very fundamentals of government; it is the struggle of the great mass of people which is going on in English-speaking countries, not for privileges, but for rights It is part of the same movement which is going on in England, where the landed aristocracy control the opportunities, and in the United States, where the sources of wealth are controlled through a protective tariff system. Today in Canada we have the beginnings of a similar situation. It is our business as Canadians in laying the foundations of a new nation to do something better for democracy, having before us the object lessons of Great Britain and the United States. He gave the inside history of the agreement, and stated that when Hon. Clifford Sifton said that the Canadian Government had been coerced by the United States Government he was either falsifying the facts or was very ignorant of the facts. If the agreement is bad for the Canadian farmer how is it that every farmers' association and agricultural newspaper in Canada favors the agreement, and in the United States the farmers' associations and agricultural newspapers are against it? Incidentally he stated that the annexation talk which Conservative newspapers are using so freely from American newspapers is being taken from newspapers controlled by the large trusts.

Answers Sifton.

Dr. Macdonald read Mr. Sifton's questions and answered them in order. He objected to Mr. Sifton, a lawyer, calling the reciprocity agreement a treaty, when he knew it to be only an agreement. In answer to the question, what he thought of encouraging the farmers to export barley, the speaker said Mr. Sifton was not a farmer or he would see the advantages of getting $1 10 for his barley rather than 67 cents a bushel.

Mr. Sifton claimed that the export trade of the Canadian millers would be ruined. Dr. Macdonald replied that the Minneapolis millers are taking away the export trade now, because they can export it to England and have 99 per cent of the duty rebated. "What is the use of Mr. Sifton trying to talk nonsense to men?" asked the speaker.

Mr. Sifton wanted to know if it would be a good thing to have our pulp forests thrown open to the American mills. Dr. Macdonald replied that the pulpwood agreement has nothing to do with reciprocity. It became law on Aug. 1 and is now in force.

Mr. Sifton asked if it will be conducive to the prosperity of Canada to have one hundred million bushels of wheat diverted from Canadian railways. Dr. Macdonald quoted Sir William Whyte, to the effect that in ten years Saskatchewan alone will produce enough wheat to supply Great Britain three times over. Sir Donald Mann is not the slightest bit afraid of competition. If the American roads will carry one hundred million bushels cheaper it will not smash the empire.

A great problem was the one which baffled Messrs. Borden, E. B. Osler and Sir James Whitney; how can reciprocity benefit the farmer and benefit the consumer? These gentlemen have forgotten that the agreement has two sides, that two duties are knocked off. Thanks to certain gentlemen the farmer at present receives six cents a pound for hogs, while the consumer in Toronto pays twenty-five cents, the same identical bacon being sold in London, Eng., for sixteen, because it has to face the world competition.

PLACING COUNTRY BEFORE THE PARTY

Some More Conservatives Who Have Come Out for Reciprocity.

William Haley and his two sons, Martin L. Haley and Melbourne H. Haley, Springford P. O., South Oxford, breeders of champion Holstein cattle, Conservatives all their lives and still affiliated with that party, express in interviews, their intention of voting for reciprocity, adding that in their constituency scores of other Conservative farmers will do the same.

Simeon H. White, of Sussex, one of New Brunswick's industrial leaders, a Conservative by heredity and training, is using his influence and vote to help along reciprocity.

Mr. Frank Clements, of York County, the "potato king," of New Brunswick, who has always been a Conservative, says: "I can rent land in New Brunswick for potato growing at $2 an acre; just across the line in Aroostook, the same land demands $20 an acre. A hundred acres farm in Kent County will sell for $1,800 to $2,000. In Aroostook a similar farm brings $3,800 to $4,000, same kind of land, same kind of farmers, only difference is the market. Reciprocity will give us that market.

E. Sutton Clarke, of Charlotte County, the largest fish dealer in New Brunswick, is strong for reciprocity, though he has always voted Conservative.

Dr. R. F. Quigley, K.C., of St. John, as well known as a scholar as lawyer, says he has always favored reciprocity as a Conservative, and he cannot change, even if his present party leaders do.

Lee Flewelling, a merchant of Rothsay, twice a Conservative candidate in King's County, is working against hi old party on reciprocity.

Dr. John M. Gilchrist, of Greenwich, King's County, whose father has been a Conservative candidate, will cast its first Liberal vote this month on reciprocity.

W. M. Jarvis, insurance man, of St. John, and for years a leading Conservative, is out in favor of Dr. Pugsley and reciprocity.

Ralph Marc', of Hampton, manager of the Travellers' Life, always a Conservative, but his vote goes for reciprocity.

Bliss M. Fisher, the largest farmer in Westmoreland County, whose record is consistently Conservative. He cannot understand or condone his party's attitude on reciprocity.

G. Fred Fisher, an active Conservative heretofore, is supporting Dr. Puzsley on reciprocity.

Walter H. Golding, a St. John theatrical proprietor and manager who has always voted Conservative, is voting for reciprocity.

Dr. Silas Alward, K.C., who has been elected to the New Brunswick Legislature several times as a Conservative, has taken the platform in favor of reciprocity.

John M. Davies, ex-reeve of Euphrasia, farmer and stockman, is actively supporting reciprocity.

William McLoughery, former secretary of the Conservative Association of East Grey, is actively supporting reciprocity in that riding.

J. L Lillcrap, a life-long Conservative, and prominent business man of Lakefield, is favorable to reciprocity, and has so written to the press.

W. L. Wilkins, of Norwood, one of the most prominent Conservatives in the riding of East Peterboro, has on many occasions declared himself in favor of reciprocity.

J. S. Woods, vice-president of the Grain Growers Association, a former Conservative, is the reciprocity candidate in Macdonald, Manitoba.

Sydney Purdy, for fifteen years one of the leading Conservatives in Cumberland County, N. S., and a grandson of Gabriel Purdy, one of the foremost Loyalists, who originally settled in Cumberland County, is vigorously supporting reciprocity, and though still a Conservative, is opposing the former member for Cumberland, Mr. E. N. Rhodes.

Job., Vipond, Brooklin, ex-warden of Ontario County, a life-long Conservative, declares himself in favor of reciprocity and expresses his intention of voting for Mr. Fowke

James McRitchie, of New Scotland, Kent County, brother of the president of the Conservative Association of the riding, and his two sons, are emphatic in their support of reciprocity and the Liberal candidate.

W. H. Cherry, Garnet, for some years president of the Conservative Association of Walpole Township, Haldimand County, though still a Conservative, is addressing meetings from Liberal platforms in favor of reciprocity.

Albert Lafferty, Conservative farmer, North Essex, has taken the stump in favor of reciprocity.

Henry Arkell, of Arkell, a well-known sheep breeder, life-long Conservative, in interviews and articles supports reciprocity.

G. A. Brethen, Conservative farmer, of Asphodel Township, is on the platform of Mr. F. D. Kerr, the reciprocity candidate in East Peterboro, against Mr. Sexsmith, whom he formerly supported.

Dr. F C. Grenside, V.S., who is known throughout the county by horsemen and the public generally as an expert in the horse business, and as a life-long Conservative, writes a strong letter to the press advocating reciprocity.

Harry Grinstead, a foremost Conservative farmer of East Elgin, writes to the press appealing to the broad-minded Conservative farmers to support the traditions of John A. Macdonald and vote for reciprocity.

Col. J. Z. Frazer, Burford Township, Brant County, who ran as a Conservative candidate for the Legislature of Ontario, strongly favors reciprocity.

Lewis Wigle, South Essex, a life-long Conservative, has taken the stump for reciprocity. Mr. Wigle sat for two terms in the Legislature as a Conservative, and one term in the House of Commons under Sir John A. Macdonald. His brother, E. S. Wigle, is the Conservative candidate's campaign manager.

Joseph Durocher, Conservative, of Sandwich East, a large market gardener, is out for reciprocity.

Oliver Reaume, whose Conservative affiliations and convictions may be judged by the fact that he is a brother to Hon. Dr Reaume, and one of the most prominent farmers of Anderdon Township, is out for reciprocity.

Pat Mareninette, ex-reeve of Sandwich West, and for many years a Conservative vice-president, is out for reciprocity.

W. W. E. Hilborn, Leamington, one of the largest fruit growers in the Province, has published a letter favoring reciprocity.

Leonard Hankinson, of Grove End, says he has been a Conservative all his life, but that he cannot understand the inconsistent stand of his party at the present time, and will vote for reciprocity.

John Gilbert, of Yarmouth, a Conservative, is ready to give reciprocity a trial.

James Culbert, of Crewe, says he never voted for the Liberal party in his life, but knows reciprocity is a Conservative policy. He will vote for reciprocity, and knows many other Conservative farmers who intend to do the same.

Breakfast 8 to 11, Dinner 11 to 2:30, Lunches Served Continuously, Fourth Floor

Silks For Fall and Winter Wear

Many new shipments have been received during the past few days, and our present display is a magnificent exposition of fall fashions, comprising plain weaves of satin surface, but with a toned or subdued lustre. The textures are soft yet of good firmness and excellent draping qualities with a sparkling of stripes, Persian and Paisley designs in the newest fall colorings. Visit our Silk Section this week and let us show you the new things.

Satin Merveilleux, Plain Colors

A serviceable and dependable silk, imported from one of the best Swiss manufacturers, in the new shades of china blue, olive, navy, helio, pearl gray, steel gray, crushed rose, mulberry, military red, white and cream, 20-inch. Yard ..... **85¢**

Paillette Salome Silk, Plain Colors

The greater portion of a large contract for this splendid silk in the new fall colors has arrived. A well-known quality with our customers, thousands of yards being sold last season at 48c a yard, an all-silk at the price you pay for tamoline of jute-mixed goods. Colors received are: Black, white, cream, two navys and two browns, pale blue, tuscan, pink, champagne, pearl gray, stone gray and steel, cardinal and military red. See this range, 19-inch, at per yard ..... **48¢**

Black and White Stripes, Double Width

Beautiful soft finish black and white even stripes, in two widths, chiffon taffeta (warp dyed), very fashionable effects, 39-inch width. Yard.... **$1.25**

Persian and Paisley Effects

Pretty Paisley and Persian effects in the new fall color combinations in messaline satin, direct importations, new designs, large and small, beautiful blendings for waists, trimmings, etc., 20-inch ..... **$1.25 and $1.50**

Gray and Black Stripes

These are in strong demand and the newest stripes. We have both wide and narrow styles, also stripes and dot combinations, and grays are popular. Prices, yard ..... **$1.00** and **$1.25**

Guaranteed Satin Lining

It costs no more to have a satin with a guarantee for your coat lining than the satin not guaranteed. We handle two qualities, both guaranteed for two seasons' wear. Austrian at **$1.00**, and Skinner's at **$1.25**, both 27 inches wide. See these for your suit and coat lining.

Silks—Main Floor.

September Bedding Sale

Special in Wool Blankets, Cotton Comforters, Flannelette Sheets, Pillows and White Bedspreads

Down Comforters, $3.75 to $20.00

We have just opened our new fall stock of Down Comforters, and needless to say the assortment surpasses easily that of any previous season. We pride ourselves in having the most handsome assortment of color combinations and artistic designs possible to gather in a collection of such proportion. One thing you will notice is that in every case the reverse side is a perfect match or in pleasing contrast with the top, and colors are in harmony with those used in modern decorations, and the values are exceptional ..... **$3.75** to **$20.00**

DOWN COMFORTERS in floral art cambric coverings, in blue, rose, green and nile, size 60x72, special, **$3.75**; size 72x72, special... **$4.50**

SATIN COVERED, in two-toned blue, green and rose, usually sold for $8.50. Our special **$6.75**

HANDSOME SATIN COVERINGS, in beautiful shades with shirred border and frill in colors of green, rose, blue and nile, excellent value. **$10.50**

THREE-FRAME BORDERS, Paisley centre and back, best values shown, size 66x72; excellent designs. **$5.00**

HANDSOME COVERINGS in fine quality sateen with shirred border and figured centre, in chintz and floral designs; reverse side same as centre; size 66x72. Special **$7.00**

ALSO BIG ASSORTMENT in different styles, covered in satin, tapestry, damask, etc. very new effects. These you must see to appreciate. Prices ..... **$13.50** up

Fourth Floor.

Take Home a Ladies' $2.50 Umbrella For $1.45

A few dozen special high-grade Umbrellas. Ladies' Umbrellas at a bargain price for our Fair Week visitors. Extra fine silk and wool coverings, close rolling paragon frames with patent bulb runners; handles the very newest directoire styles with gold and silver trimmings, also a few gold posts. $2.00 to $2.50 Umbrellas this week and while they last..... **$1.45**

Special Sale Elbow Length and 16-Button French Kid Gloves $1.75 to $2.25

Today we offer the best Glove values in the above lengths that we have seen in some time. Fresh stock just received from the maker, bought special and marked extra special. Another opportunity for Fair Week visitors. Examine the quality at Glove Counter. Display in Dundas street window. All sizes from 5½ to 6¾.

Elbow length, white only, pair..... **$1.75**

16-button length, white only, pair..... **$2.25**

Advance Showing of Holiday Goods

An advance shipment of above fancy articles is being displayed this week at special sale counter opposite west side elevators. Brass novelties such as desk sets, consisting of brass-cornered pad, blotter, letter-rack, ink-well, stamp-box, paper-knife, etc.

Other novelties in clocks, candle-sticks, mirrors, pin trays, ink-wells, letter-racks and jewel-boxes in the newest designs. Also manicure and toilet sets in German silver, ebony and ebonoid, work boxes, collar and cuff boxes, handkerchief and glove boxes, and all kinds of novelties for the holiday trade.

Diaphragm Window Transparencies

Many have been the inquiries for these stained glass picturesque effects since they were shown in our Wall Paper Department last season, for bathrooms, halls, dens, dining-rooms, doors, etc. They stick right on over the plain glass, transparent from within but not from without. All ready to stick on in five different colors and designs, 18 inches wide, yard..... **20¢** to **35¢**

In Wall Paper Section—Third Floor.

New Black Cheviots and Worsted Suitings, $1.00 to $2.00

These are the most popular for fall and winter wear; most serviceable, too, and favored by the plainer narrow styles, will be much worn. We have a full range in French and English makes with just the sufficient roughness to the finish to make up stylish; 48 to 56 inch width, some with prominent heavy diagonal, suitable for the long separate coat. Prices, a yard..... **$1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00**

Main Floor.

World-Wide Free Delivery On All Purchases

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Sacrifice Sale of Wall Papers

Read This Ad.

500 patterns of Wall Papers, newest designs and colorings, selling for less than cost. Call and look this line over and prove to your own satisfaction that this is the best opportunity you ever had to buy Wall Paper.

Eight Big Books of Bargains

Book No. 1, contains 40 Patterns. Regular 10c and 12c values. To close at ..... **5c roll**

Book No. 2, contains 40 Patterns, many very pretty bedroom papers in this book. Regular 15c and 17c values. To close at **7c roll**

Book No. 3, contains 50 patterns. This book will surprise you with the values it contains. Regular 18c and 20c papers, to close at ..... **9c roll**

Book No. 4, contains 50 patterns, beautiful bedroom papers, with cut-out borders to match. Regular 21c and 22c values. To close at ..... **11c roll**

Book No. 5 contains 40 patterns suitable for any room in the house. Regular 25c and 28c values. To clear at ..... **13c roll**

Book No. 6 contains 75 patterns, mostly varnished gilts, which make dainty parlors, etc. Regular 30c and 35c values. To close at ..... **15c roll**

Book No. 7 contains 75 patterns of very choice wall hangings Many beautiful English chintz papers in this line. Cut-out borders and crown hangings. Regular 40c, 45c and 50c values. To close at ..... **19c roll**

Book No. 8 contains 100 of the very choicest wall hangings; papers that sold at 75c, 90c and $1.00 per roll. Beautiful silk parlor papers, in green, rose, blue and yellow shades; beautiful crown hangings, for the dining-room, living-room, etc., and tapestry effects for the den and hall. To close out at ..... **27c roll**

Goods sold for cash only during this sale.

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PRESSURE TESTS FOR UNDERWRITERS

Figures Are Sent to Mayor Beattie by Superintendent Glaubitz of the Water Commission.

The report on the test of the pressure furnished by the Horton street wells on Saturday last has been forwarded to Mayor Beattie by Superintendent Glaubitz, with a request that it be sent on to the underwriters at Toronto for their information.

This organization will later make a test of their own, and will pass judgment on the efficiency of the apparatus.

Little Lulu.

Pride of the ladies and a pet of the babies. 94k

CASE DISMISSED.

Torotno, Sept. 13.—Provincial Inspector Gunton, of the Children's Aid Society, was on trial this morning on a charge of obtaining money by menaces from a woman who had taken a girl from the hospital, although she was a ward of the Children's Aid. The case was dismissed.

WHY SUFFER WITH CORNS? Foot Tablets Free. The sting of corns and bunions is forgotten in the delightful, cooling, ease-making effect that follows the use of Foot Elm. It soothes the ache. It absorbs the pain. It gives health to the feet. Package of Foot Bath Tablets free with every box. Twenty-five cents for eighteen powders, at TAYLOR'S MARKET DRUG STORE, TALBOT STREET.

ENGLAND OUT OF WATER

Prolonged Drouth Causing Great Inconvenience to Farmers.

London, Sept. 13.—The prevalence of cholera in certain continental countries has caused increased precautions to be taken by the British port authorities. Extraordinary vigilance is being exercised regarding the possible arrival of passengers from any infected areas.

In many towns and villages of England, as a result of the prolonged drought, water is entirely absent, and supplies thereof are being taken around in carts to the inhabitants.

Farmers are not only without water for their stock, but are finding it almost impossible, owing to the total absence of grass, to obtain enough food for their animals to keep them alive.

The root crops are an entire failure, and the prospect for stockkeepers during the coming winter is a grave one.

LOST BOTH ARMS.

Lindsay, Ont., Sept. 13.—A terrible accident happened to Mr. Alex. McGee, a farmer, of Fenelon Township, yesterday, when he had both arms so bandly mangled in a cutting-box that amputation was necessary. It appears that McGee had gloves on, and one hand became caught in the machinery, and he endeavored to extricate it with his other hand, both members being dragged into the knives, with the above result. He is in a hospital, and doing as well as can be expected.

Personal Mention

Miss Wonch, of Princeton, a sister of Mr. Joseph Wonch, Egerton street, died Tuesday evening in Princeton, Mr. Wonch arriving at her bedside just before death came. The funeral was conducted yesterday from Princeton.

Mr. Gavin Wilson, of Wingham, was the guest of Rev. W. L. Steeves on Tuesday.

Mr. Alexander Fleming, of Craigleith, Ont., a brother of Sir Sanford Fleming, is visiting at the home of his former rector, Rev. Edward Appleyard, of St. Matthew's Church, East London.

The Misses Theresa and Emma McCartney have returned home after a boat trip to Duluth, Detroit and other points.

A GAMBLING SCHOOL.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 13.—Four men are under arrest and the police are looking for six more who, they allege, conducted a "school for gambling" behind a billboard, and instructed boys how to play poker and other games of chance.

CYCLONE IN NICARAGUA.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Sept. 13.—A cyclone which swept over this part of Nicaragua yesterday resulted in the loss of several lives, the destruction of a pier and several large buildings, and the inundation of the custom house. Much merchandise stored in the custom house was destroyed.