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WE'RE HAVING LOTS

—OF—

FURS

With the Balance of Our Winter Goods—Not Making Much Money Just at Present, but Making a Good Name for the store. There comes a time in every season when it pays to sell at a loss. What we're doing is precisely what a sensible merchant should do—crowding prices down in order to crowd goods out.

Dress Goods.

This black camel's hair effect, elegant quality and the newest, regular price \$2.25, sale price \$1.65.

Two pieces knobby dress goods, one of the very newest effects, regular price 75c, sale price 63c.

Carpets and Curtains

If you need carpets and curtains of any kind you can save dollars by buying them here.

1,000 yards of carpets and 500 pairs of lace curtains placed on sale at reduced prices; this is the best money saving chance of the season.

Dress Goods.

Fifteen pieces plain dress goods, in greys, greens, browns, fawns, etc., regular price 25c and 30c, your choice while they last at 19c.

Fifteen pieces satin cloth, popular venetians and canvas cloth, regular price 75c, sale price 63c.

Ladies' Jackets

Your choice of any lady's, Misses and child's jacket in the store at half price.

Millinery

Your choice of any lady's hat or bonnet in the store while they last at half price. Outing hats at 75c, worth \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$2.75.

NEW QUIBBLE WAS RAISED

Rossites Now Claim that Member for North Renfrew has No Right to Seat.

Contention of Mr. Cameron, of Huron, which Implies Gross Government Blundering.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Mr. M. G. Cameron, Liberal member for West Huron, treated the legislature this afternoon to a long drawn-out argument to prove that North Renfrew was still without a legal representative, and that a new election was necessary. No election was, he said, completed until one of the candidates had been declared elected by the returning officer. In the case of the late Mr. Munro of North Renfrew, he was declared elected by the returning officer four days after his death. In other words, he died during the progress of the election. The writ for the by-election had been issued to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Munro, but Mr. Munro was never elected, and therefore the by-election was illegal, as it was held to fill the vacancy caused by the expiry of the last parliament. That was the middle, and he said Mr. Dunlop had no right to sit in the house. He quoted English precedents to prove his contention, and wound up by recommending that the matter be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, who would doubtless find that there had been no election and would recommend that the writ for a new election be issued.

The curious part of Mr. Cameron's argument is that if a blunder was committed the members of the Government, and particularly the Attorney-General, are responsible.

FINE TRIP

Albert E. Sheldrick Enjoys a Very Pleasant Trip to Pittsburgh and Columbus, Ohio—Country Flooded.

A. E. Sheldrick has returned from a very pleasant trip to Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh. In Columbus Mr. Sheldrick attended the annual convention of the Custom Cutters' Association of America, and reports a very interesting and profitable time.

"In the Grand Southern Hotel, where the convention was held," said Mr. Sheldrick, in a short conversation with a Planet reporter, "there was displayed one of the most unique electrical effects I have ever seen. It was a large pair of shears hung over the top of the office. The shears were made of electric lights and they were kept continually playing up and down. The effect was quite striking."

"There were about 250 delegates present from all over Canada and the United States. A cutter from London secured the first prize in the contest for coat cutting, in which there were nine of the best cutters in the Association."

"We were taken through the Penitentiary, the warden of the building taking us through personally. We were received by the Governor of the State and the whole delegation were photographed with the Governor and the Mayor of the city."

"It was the most successful convention in the history of the Association. This Association was founded in 1881 and the present Secretary is S. S. Paupst, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Blenheim. I went to school with Mr. Paupst when we were both boys in Blenheim."

"From Columbus I went to Pittsburgh, where I saw my son Earl. He is getting along well, likes his work and likes the city, although he would rather live in a place the size of Chatham. There I went through the Westing House plant, which employs between seven and eight thousand hands. I could not describe it."

"From Columbus to Pittsburgh thousands and thousands of acres of land are covered with water since the recent rains and thaw. Houses are completely surrounded in many places. At the large bridge from Pittsburgh to Allegheny the approaches are covered with water, but the bridge part is passable and the people have to be carried in emergency ferries across the approaches. Every office building in Toledo is closed, as the water has extinguished the furnaces. I was very much surprised when I arrived in Chatham for I almost expected to see the whole place flooded, too."

While at the convention Mr. Sheldrick met Frank Dell, an old Chatham boy, who is now cutting in Owensboro, Ky. Mr. Sheldrick also visited his parents and brother, who reside in Columbus.

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, in the auditorium over the Standard Bank. A full attendance is especially requested. The principals will all be present at this rehearsal.

KENT COUNTY PARLIAMENT

January Sessions Now in Full Swing—Important Business to be Transacted.

Elected a Good Warden in W. O. Sifton—General Business of the Opening Session.

The 14th ballot—Sturgis 4, Sifton 6, Vester 4.
The 15th ballot—Sifton 3, Somers, 3, McCoy 1, Rycraft 3, Handy 4.
At this stage Mr. French moved, seconded by Mr. Handy, that a ballot be taken and the highest man be accepted by the council.
It was suggested that an adjournment be made to the committee room and a ballot be taken.
Mr. Ross held that this couldn't be done.

Mr. McCoy appealed to Mr. Fleming, the county treasurer. He held an adjournment was already in order.

The 16th ballot was then taken—Sifton 7, Sturgis 3, Vester 2, Somers 2.

The 17th ballot—Sturgis 5, Sifton 7, Rycraft 2.

The 18th ballot—Sifton 7, Vester 3, Rycraft 4.

At this point Mr. McCoy arose and asked what should be done.

The 19th ballot—Sturgis 5, Sifton 8, Vester 1.

The clerk then declared Mr. Sifton elected warden and he was escorted to the chair by Messrs. McCoy and Somers, the mover and seconder of his motion.

After duly taking the oath of office, Mr. Sifton took his place at the head of the council. Mr. Sifton said that there were times when words failed, and he was in that position now. The contest had been a severe one. He had no feeling towards his supporters or those who opposed him.

A man's vote was his own to use as he pleased. He thanked the council for electing him. It had been his ambition to be warden, and he trusted that he would have the support of his colleagues during the year.

The County Council resumed this morning, with Warden Sifton in the chair.

It was moved that the usual grants be made to the agricultural societies of the county for the year 1904, when they have sent a financial statement, showing their standing for 1903, they to receive this grant after the fair is held.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Sturgis, that the Clerk of this county be instructed to notify the counties of Essex, Elgin and Lambton that the Collegiate Institute in the County of Kent is open to pupils resident in the above named counties on the same terms as resident pupils and shall ask them for their proportionate payment for maintenance in accordance with the High Schools Act.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Rycraft, that the whole Council be a committee to strike the standing committees.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hornal, seconded by Mr. Chinnick, that the first clause of by-law 617, known as the House of Refuge, by-law be amended. That the committee shall be composed of two members of the Council and the Warden, and that the following words be added to the said first clause:—

"It shall be the duty of the committee to meet within three days after each quarter of the year for the purpose of examining and passing accounts for the previous quarter, and to order payment for the same in due course."

A motion, moved by James Ross and seconded by James Chinnick, was passed, asking the Government to sheet-pile the River Thames along the embankment that has been thrown up to protect the Dauphin and Pike drainage works in Raleigh and Tilbury. The waves caused by the boats navigating the River Thames has washed away the embankment so as to render it unsafe and not a sufficient protection the spring freshets. There are about 36 families residing in the affected district and, as the lands have already been heavily taxed for the drainage works, the Government will be asked to drive piles along the embankment to protect the lives and properties of those who live in this district.

SHE SAVED FIFTY LIVES

Chicago, Jan. 27.—At the Samaritan Hospital, her head and left side swathed in bandages, lies Carrie Anderson, the child whose deed of heroism at the Iroquois fire was recounted in brief during the coroner's inquest, but whose name has never been learned until to-day. Through the steadfast bravery of this 14-year-old girl at least fifty lives were saved on the fatal afternoon. Despite the fact that her entire left side was being burned she caught the end of the ladder thrown across the alley from the North-western University building, and guided it to a resting place on the fire escape on the second balcony. Across this ladder many men, women and children scrambled to safety. She was in the balcony with her mother, who was employed as a cleaner at the theatre, and while she escaped, her mother perished.

CALLED DOWN BY SPEAKER

Members of the Legislature Told How to Behave Themselves.

Mr. St. John Advises the Government to Cease Their Fighting and Resign.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Before the debate on the address was resumed in the Legislature this afternoon, Speaker Charlton read a letter to the members on parliamentary procedure. He did not wish to appear officious or to refer to any member in particular when he complained about irregularities that had lately occurred during the debate. It was very difficult for speakers to force that there would be unpleasantness when bad blood was shown in debate, and more or less heated language used. A rule of the Legislature Manual forbids any member using offensive words against another member, nor should a member speak beside the question in debate. Certain matters could not be debated save upon a substantive motion, which can be dealt with by amendment or by the distinct vote of the House, such as the conduct of the government members of either House of Parliament and judges of the superior courts of the United Kingdom. Nay, an authority on parliamentary procedure claimed no member has the right to refer to another by name and the misrepresentation of another member's language, or to charge with falsehood and deceit in contemptuous language of any kind were unparliamentary and called for prompt interference. The Speaker complained that questions were frequently asked of a member who was speaking, and he wished in future that the proper course would be pursued in this direction, which was to explain any statement that was not clear. The Speaker also added that many members had neglected to remove their hats when they entered the chamber by the side doors. They should remove their hats and thus show their respect for the House. He wanted to see the dignity of the Legislature maintained, and he hoped every member would assist him to that end. The Ontario Legislature had a good name throughout the British Empire, and that good name maintained.

The Speaker's remarks were received with cries of "Heard, heard," from both sides of the House.

THE DEBATE RESUMED.

Mr. St. John, resuming the debate, referred to Mr. Gibson's speech with regard to the North Renfrew and "Soo" bye-elections and the Toronto Junction pool room. Mr. Gibson had criticized the speech of Mr. Downey, but the latter's address was not redolent of the "cowardly subservience of the prize ring and pool room." Mr. Gibson had shown that the Government knew they could have brought on the North Renfrew election much earlier, but had entirely failed to give any good reason for the long delay. After the speed with which the North Oxford vacancy was filled, the Province would have little difficulty in dividing that the exigencies of the Government were the sole reason for the long disfranchisement of North Renfrew, and that they would know how to reward such delinquency in office.

Mr. St. John then attacked the Attorney-General for allowing the Toronto Junction pool rooms, which was a betting enterprise just as were the race courses at Fort Erie and Windsor, to remain open. The Government should amend the act and put the pool room out of business.

Concluding, Mr. St. John said the Premier should cease fighting against the people and resign. The bye-elections showed the trend of public opinion, even the moral victory in North Oxford, where the Liberal majority of 2,300 was cut down to about 900, representing a turn of 1,400 votes on practically equal total elections. The government should stand for high morals, clean men, and clean politics in Ontario.

THE RESULT

Leader Whitney Comments on the Result in North Oxford—Big Turn-out.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Mr. J. P. Whitney was quite cheerful this morning, and when asked for an opinion regarding the result in North Oxford said—

"Considering the fact that the Liberals had for ten days prior to the election, perfect organization, coupled with the fact that Conservatives had difficulty in carrying out the organization outside of Woodstock, the result is not satisfactory."

"An analysis of the figures will show, I think, that there has been a turn-over of between 700 and 800 men, who never previously cast a Conservative vote, and the figures will show that the Liberals who voted with the Conservatives, form at least 20 per cent of the voting strength of the riding."

ADDITIONAL RETURNS.

Woodstock, Jan. 27.—Further returns of yesterday's election were received as follows: Blandford, No. 2, Munro, 25; Butler, 28; Blandford, No. 4, Munro, 28; Butler, 16; East Zorra, No. 4, Munro, 60; Butler, 33. This gives Munro a majority of 942, with one place, No. 6, East Zorra, to be heard from.



A SWEEPING REDUCTION

In lines of goods which we do not intend to handle in the future, such as

Laces and Embroideries. We only have a few pieces, but they must be sold this week.

Odd lines of Odd Lots Ribbons 2c Yd

Stamped Linens, 5c. and 10c. Each.

A nice line of Pillow Tops 10c. Each

Just call and look over our bargain counters this week.

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A GRAND SUCCESS

We are still selling Men's \$3 Shoes, all sizes for \$2.00

Men's \$5.00 Shoes for \$3.50

Boys' \$2.00 Shoes for \$1.50

Women's \$4 Empress Shoe for \$3.50

Women's \$3 Empress Shoe for \$2.50

All other lines reduced in proportion. Repairing Done.

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To introduce the use of Gas Coke in the home of every fuel user in Chatham, Gas Coke will be Reduced to 10c. per Bushel for Natural Size, and 12 1-2c. per Bushel for Crushed Size, for orders received in January.

A full cart load of 30 Bushel Natural Size or Crushed Size delivered for \$3.25 or \$3.75 respectively.

Unquestionably the cheapest fuel for Furnaces, Range, Grate or Stove. Try it.

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These goods are fresh. Our sales are large. The closest price we always charge.

7 lb. pails Jam, 50c.
7 lbs. green peas for soup, 25c.
9 lbs. Buckwheat Flour, 25c.
Soda Biscuits, 8c per lb.
1 lb. can's Sunlight Baking Powder 10 cents.
1 lb. Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c.
Dried apples, 5c. per lb.
Quebec Maple Syrup, 30c per qt.

CROCKERY.

A quantity of Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets, China Lamps and Glassware still to be cleared out at a small margin above the cost price. A great opportunity for anyone needing these goods. Call and see us.

John McConnell,

Phone 100, - Park St.

POWER OF RADIUM

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—Professor Prince Karkhanov, a well known scientist, lecturing recently before the military association, made some interesting statements in regard to the possibilities of radium. He presented to his audience two cancer patients who had been cured of malignant growths on the face by the use of radium, and expressed the opinion that the problem of determining the sex of children, which Professor Schenck had failed to solve, will shortly be settled by the aid of radium. The Prince added that he had prevented the development of hydrophobia in dogs inoculated with rabid virus, by using radium. When large quantities of radium were available, the Prince contended, the whole system of modern warfare would be revolutionized, as powder magazines, whether in forts or in the holds of vessels, would be at the mercy of radium rays, which could explode them at long distances.

Clint Wilson, an old Chatham boy, now living in South Dakota, is visiting his old friends in town. Mr. Wilson is one of the South African heroes, and is an ex-member of the Kent regiment. He has been living in South Dakota for the past year.