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New Shirt Waists!

SPECIAL TO-NIGHT AND MONDAY

A little early to talk of White Lawn Waists, but we could not resist the opportunity of giving you an early chance to secure one of these special values at \$1.00. It is one of those rare chances that do not often come your way.

White Lawn Waists, made of Fine even Lawn, trimmed down the front with 4 rows of embroidery insertion and 4 rows of Val. insertion, sleeves and back trimmed with tucking, and tucked cuffs—remarkable value—on sale

To-Night and Monday, \$1.00.

READY-TO-WEAR SKIRTS—

The greatest \$5.00 values ever shown in the city are here in ladies' ready-to-wear skirts. These two specials stand forth prominently in the skirt stock—

Made of medium weight, all wool frize, deep flounce, trimmed with six clusters of three tucks each, and five rows of satin braid, in colors black, navy and Oxford grey, a semi-dress skirt, perfect fitting and stylish, extra value at \$5.00.

Walking skirts, made of fine all wool frize, in black only, pleated, panel front, trimmed with buttons, stitched yoke and flare, very special value at \$5.00.

These skirts are made in waist measures 23 inches to 30 inches, and in lengths 39 inches to 44 inches.

DRESS GOODS EXTRA—To-night and Monday.

26 pieces of fine all wool dress serge, 40 inches wide, in good shades of navy, blues, browns, greens, fawns, old rose, black, etc., regular value 35c a yard, on sale very special at 25c.

NEW GRASS LINENS—Special to-night.

New polkadot grass linens, natural linen color ground with polkadot, embroidered in black, cardinal, sky and turquoise, regular value 65c a yard, on sale to-night and Monday very special at 43c.

LADIES' STOCKS AND TIES— New lot of ladies' stocks and ties just to hand; pretty, dainty, serviceable and low priced.

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We have special paint for Outside House Painting, Inside House Painting, Floor Paint, Floor Finish, Varnish, Stains, Enamels, Buggy and Implement Paints.

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3 lbs. fine soda powder 5c.
50c. package washing compound 4c.
Scrub brushes 5, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 20 cents each.
Brooms 20, 25 and 30 cents; great value.
6 bars Sweet Home Soap, 25c.
Gold Dust, Perfume, Cologne powder, wash tubs, wash boards, mops, door mats, in fact anything you need for house cleaning you will find at our store.
10 per cent. off all dinner, tea and chamber sets, lamps, china and glassware.
20 King Street East, Toronto.
Solicitors for applicants.
Toronto, Feb. 19, 1903.

John McConnell, PAKEE ST., EAST. Phone 190

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, at the next session thereof, for an Act incorporating a company under the name of the Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Railway Company, with power to construct and operate a railway extending from the city of Chatham through the Township of East Dufferin and Chatham and the Gore of Chatham to the Town of Wallaceburg, in the County of Kent, Province of Ontario; and also extending from the said city of Chatham in a south-easterly direction through the Townships of Raleigh and Harwich to a point on Lake Erie; also extending from the Town of Wallaceburg to the Town of Petrolia, in the County of Lambton; with power to build and operate docks, wharves and elevators and to generate electric power for lighting and motive purposes, and to make running arrangements with other railway companies.
DENTON, DUNN & BOULTBEE,
20 King Street East, Toronto,
Solicitors for applicants.
Toronto, Feb. 19, 1903.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

MODERN DUEL

The Russians have improved even on the French duel-swords at 35 paces or farther. It is announced from Blagovestchensk—geographical, names again—capital of the Government of Amur, Asiatic Russia, that duelling pistols cannot be obtained in Manchuria. So the Russian officers who quarrel amongst themselves have invented a substitute for a duel.

The principals draw lots. The loser must take the next train to the end of the Manchurian road and return. If he survives the inevitable derauling or collision, honor is satisfied. This splendid duel should be imported to Chatham. Instead of a free street fight, the disputants could draw lots.

The loser must—
1.—Cross St. Clair street on foot opposite the Aberdeen barn or
2.—Conduct a minstrel show.
3.—Run for mayor against W. E. McKeough.
4.—Steal a ton of coal.
5.—Drive a horse through any street in Chatham.
6.—Attempt to assault a police officer and let the Crown Attorney hear about it.
7.—Listen to a phonograph.
8.—Ask the Football Club what they did with their receipts.
9.—Pay his gas bill without kicking.
10.—Run a church choir.
11.—Ask mother-in-law to stay a month.
12.—Talk in the court room when Judge Houston is conducting a case.
13.—Ask a certain County Council member what he knows about small-pox.
14.—Run a corporation wood yard.

HONOR TO CHAMBERLAIN.

AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM LONDON.

Course Now Taken Will Decide Future of the Empire—References to the Colonies.

London, March 21.—Birmingham's Chamberlain, who was once regarded as a Republican rather than a Radical, was the hero yesterday of this the stronghold of British conservatism. His reception at the Guild Hall was a unique honor to a statesman who had been charged by his enemies with being the author of the Boer war, yet had lived to be acclaimed as a great peacemaker. Nothing was lacking to emphasize the tribute. His Cabinet associates were gathered around him, and there was a larger muster of members of Parliament at the Guild Hall than subsequently assembled in the House of Commons. There were many society ladies in the brilliant audience, but there was no happier face than Mrs. Chamberlain's when the appearance of the Secretary of the Colonies was the signal for rounds of the heartiest applause ever heard by Gog and Magog.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech was delivered with his usual quiet manner. There was a strong emphasis when he reiterated his declaration that the war had been just and inevitable, and there was a deepening of his voice when his peroration on Imperial destiny was rounded out. In the main, however, he spoke with unaffected simplicity. His subsequent speech at the Mansion House luncheon was chiefly remarkable for the fervor with which he referred to the loyalty of the colonies in war time, and forecasted the consolidation of the empire.

Premier Balfour's tribute to Mr. Chamberlain was most appropriately expressed. No spectator who watched the two men could doubt the sincerity of their friendship, and their determination to stand by each other.

REAL DRAMATIC CLIMAX.

An Attempted Suicide in Bernhard's Theatre.

Paris, March 20.—At the close of Sara Bernhard's performance of "Werther," at her theatre yesterday evening, following a dramatic climax, when Werther seeks to kill himself, the audience was startled by a woman's voice in the body of the theatre crying "I, too, wish to die." This was followed by a pistol shot. It proved to be an attempt at suicide by Madame Faule de Mertigny, a well-known newspaper contributor, who was accompanied by her daughter, who, knowing her mother's suicidal intent, had withdrawn the ball cartridges from the pistol and replaced them with blanks, so that the shot did no damage beyond causing a temporary panic. Finding that the shot was not effective, Madame de Martigny swallowed a vial of laudanum, which she had concealed in her handkerchief. She was taken to a hospital, and has recovered. To-day's developments indicate that the attempt at suicide was due to destitution.

ALL THREE ACQUITTED.

Spence Manslaughter Case Dismissed at Portage la Prairie.

Portage la Prairie, Man., March 21.—The Spence manslaughter case was dismissed yesterday, and Messrs. Govenlock, Jacobs and Murphy of Neepawa are now free men. The case fell through, chiefly because no post-mortem was held on the body.

MR. STEVENS' HANDSOME GIFT TOWARDS BUNGALOW BUILDING

Generous Donation to the Project—Believes a Public Subscription List Should be Opened—Other Citizens Express Enthusiastic Support—An Enterprise Which Meets Universal Favor.

Interest and enthusiasm in the project, inaugurated by the City Football Club, to erect an athletic bungalow on Tecumseh Park is very manifest among the public spirited citizens of Chatham, and there is every prospect of its early consummation. A big impetus has been given to the movement by the voluntary generosity of Mr. N. H. Stevens, who this morning, not only expressed his hearty endorsement of the proposal, but also signified his intention, if a subscription list is opened, of supplementing the donation of the Football Club by a gift of fifty dollars. Mr. Stevens is in favor of opening a public subscription to augment the funds subscribed by the athletic associations and believes a handsome total could be secured.

The citizens generally have taken hold of the suggestion with much spirit and are hearty in praise of it. A SPLENDID SUGGESTION.

"That proposed club house on the Park is a splendid suggestion," commented Judge Houston this morning, "and I hope to see it carried out and become a reality. As we all know, the only trouble is to successfully finance the undertaking. I think that an effort should be made to raise enough money to pay for the building, and then the boys get through playing and change their clothes the caretaker could hang the garments up to dry and then put them away. When the boys would go to use them again they could put up a respectable and comfortable building, and I would like to see a very pretty club house put up, so as to be in keeping with our beautiful Park. As I said, I think the committee is putting the price a little too low at \$500 and there is no reason in the world why the boys should have any difficulty in raising \$1,000 or more. It will take quite a large-sized building to furnish accommodation for the different clubs. Then the building should be a pretty one because it will be very conspicuous."

A GENEROUS GIFT.

"In my opinion," remarked N. H. Stevens, president of the Canada Flour Mills Co., "the promoters of this athletic bungalow building, which it is proposed to erect on Tecumseh Park, are just a little too modest. I think that there would be no difficulty in raising \$1,000. I am, however, willing to put up a respectable and comfortable building, and I would like to see a very pretty club house put up, so as to be in keeping with our beautiful Park. As I said, I think the committee is putting the price a little too low at \$500 and there is no reason in the world why the boys should have any difficulty in raising \$1,000 or more. It will take quite a large-sized building to furnish accommodation for the different clubs. Then the building should be a pretty one because it will be very conspicuous."

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Members Speak to Many Empty Benches—Some Questions.

Toronto, March 21.—The members of the Legislature yesterday wore an attitude of resignation, which is usually assumed by them when the estimates or other unavoidable matters are before them, and have to be discussed a certain length of time. There was a scanty attendance on both sides, and few members remained in their own seats for any length of time, but wandered about, engaging in social intercourse. Mr. Hanna consumed more than an hour in finishing his speech, which, delivered in an earnest manner, raised some of the lagging interest of the Opposition members. Mr. Gross, who followed for the Ministerialists, spoke briefly, but in that interesting style which always secures him a good hearing. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt came next, in his maiden speech. His earlier remarks lacked a good deal of the fire which characterizes his utterances on the stump, but this was remedied in his peroration.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Mr. Whitney, on Monday—Was any person sent by the Government to investigate or examine into the losses and damage caused by the cyclone during the past summer? If so, has he reported, and what did he report? Is it the intention of the Government to aid the sufferers by the said cyclone; and, if so, to what extent, how and when?

Mr. Matheson, on Monday—Was Frank Sullivan in the employ of the Government at any time during the past month? If so, in what department, in what position and at what salary? If not now in the employment of the Government, when did he leave said employment? Was he dismissed or did he resign?

It is understood that the Speaker has received notification in the manner prescribed in the statute of the vacancy in the seat for North Renfrew, caused by the death of the late John W. Munro. The announcement will probably be made to the House on Monday. Premier Ross was spoken to yesterday about the subject of com-

ously situated and the pride of the citizens, if nothing else, should induce them to contribute. I firmly believe that if a subscription list were started that a thousand dollars could be raised with little difficulty.

"To tell the truth, I don't think it is fair, though, that the Football and other clubs should be asked to pay the expenses of the project. They are now sufficiently taxed to keep up the grounds, buy uniforms and pay running expenses. The spectators get considerable pleasure from watching the games, and it seems to me the matter were thus placed before the citizens, they would do their share.

"Personally, I am ready to contribute \$50 towards the project, provided a subscription list for \$1,000 is circulated and the requisite amount for a good club house secured."

GENERALLY ENDORSED.

J. A. Wilson—The scheme is an excellent one and is just what is needed by the Bowling Club as well as the other clubs. Last year, at the tournament of the Bowling Club, there were over a hundred men present and very much inconvenience was experienced. It will also be useful for the storing of the necessities of the game to save carrying back and forth. It is a splendid idea and I hope it will be carried out.

W. H. Robinson—It will be a means of great convenience, everything will be handy and has been found very necessary.

Reader—A very good thing, and I hope it will be carried out. A good building should be erected while they're at it.

Stephen Smith—It is a splendid idea and I hope it will be carried to a successful issue.

W. J. Kenny—I think it is the best scheme for encouraging sport that I ever heard of. All sports should be included. The Council ought to take a hand in the matter and help it along. There is no doubt that it would do a lot of good. I would suggest that a small fee be charged for membership and that this fee be applied to the member to a locker. There should be no trouble in gaining permission from the Government to put the building on the Park. It would be a credit to the city.

W. W. Turner, a member of the Bowling Club—I am heartily in favor of the idea and hope to see the club house on the Park in the near future.

Dr. J. P. Rutherford—It is a good idea. A club house such as is contemplated, situated on the Park, would be a grand thing, indeed.

A. A. Jordan—The scheme strikes me as being a good one and one which should be encouraged.

elling witnesses to reply to questions that might incriminate them. He thought the position was one that would need no special legislation to enforce it. The position of such a witness would be similar to one in a criminal court who turned King's evidence. There was a provision in the English statutes covering the point there.

GREAT FIRE AT SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Ten Thousand Tons of Merchandise Destroyed.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 21.—Hentsch's bonded warehouse, containing 10,000 tons of merchandise, was gutted by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

CHASED HIM TWENTY MILES.

Perpetrator of an Assault at Spanish River Station Caught.

Spanish River Station, March 21.—On the 19th inst. the people of Spanish River were aroused when they learned an unknown man had entered the house of Felix Desayoux, a laborer, and brutally assaulted his wife. The woman's description was the only clue to the man's identity, and it was learned he had started to walk west on the C.P.R. A warrant was procured, and Constable Lang and several citizens went in pursuit. At Cutler, a village six miles west, the man was located in hiding for a time, but he soon made a dash for the bush. He led his pursuers a hard chase over hills, bays and islands, and finally across to an old fishing station on an island twenty miles away, where he was captured the next evening. He was brought back to Spanish River on the 19th. The prisoner, whose name was Joseph Brown, from Three Rivers, Quebec, he acknowledged the assault on his wife, but he was intoxicated. He was committed to jail at Sault Ste. Marie for trial.

NEWTONVILLE TELEPHONE.

Line to be Built at Once—Bell Offer Refused.

Newtonville, March 21.—The Independent Telephone Company of this municipality held a meeting here Tuesday afternoon last, at which it was finally settled to build their lines from Newcastle to Kendal, via Newtonville. All stock is subscribed for. Poles and wires are ordered and work will commence at once. Since the meeting the general agent of the Bell Telephone Company interviewed Mr. Bryson, manager of the Bank, and offered to build and equip the lines in addition to connecting with the Newtonville Station, for \$10 a phone. The plan was to do it for \$10 a phone yearly for a term of three years. All offers were refused.

THE COLLIERY FIRE.

Dominion Company's Men Are Fighting It Still.

Halifax, March 21.—The sanguine hopes of the fire-fighters at Dominion No. 1 colliery, Cape Breton, last night have not been realized, for the fire, although subdued, is still in progress. Sections of the mine's office men have been fighting the flames in relays continuously since the outbreak. It was thought last evening that the fire was extinguished, but during the night great volumes of smoke commenced to pass out of the main shaft.

HOME RULE COMING.

EXTENSION OF SELF-GOVERNMENT IN IRELAND.

Government to Introduce a Measure Upon Which the Irish Leaders Have Been Consulted.

London, March 21.—A bill giving Ireland an important extension of local self-government will be introduced in Parliament by the Government. The leaders of the Nationalists and Irish Unionists already have been consulted on the subject and the rough outlines of the proposed measure have been sketched.

DEATH IN COLLISION.

Passenger Steamer Run Down by Freighter.

New London, Conn., March 21.—In the fog which descended upon the waters of the sound yesterday the big Fall River passenger steamer Plymouth, with 500 passengers and a crew of 200 men, was run down while passing through the Race by the freight steamer City of Taunton of the same line. A full hundred feet of the starboard side of the vessel was smashed, and as it had been papered, the impact threatening death to the occupants of the staterooms of the second cabin which was cut away and obliterated as if it had never been, while down in the hold, six members of the crew were killed by the torrent of water that poured in through the great gash made by the bows of the freighter. An Italian passenger claims that fifteen of his fellow-countrymen were also drowned. This was denied by officers of the ship, who say that only one passenger, believed to be C. J. Marston of New York, was killed.

The dead, so far as known, are: John McCarthy, watchman, head cut off; Snow Coleman, colored, pantry man, drowned; Julius Dawson, colored, man, drowned; John Bristol, colored, waiter, drowned; John Williams, colored, baker, drowned; Patrick Daly, coal trimmer, skull shattered; all members of the crew, and the passenger mentioned.

INQUEST ON CHILDREN.

Victims of the Railway Accident Near Guelph.

Guelph, March 21.—The inquest on the children Irwin and Hinton, killed in the railway accident near Guelph Junction on Wednesday last, was resumed yesterday in the Alexandra Hospital here, before Coroner Johnson.

Engineer Hazlewood was the first witness called. He said all appeared to be going smoothly until he felt a heavy jerk, and as quick as possible he put on the air brake. He looked back and missed the last coach, then the next disappeared, and the engine stopped the baggage van went over gently, carrying the tender partly with it. He was going at the rate of about thirty miles per hour. He believed the cause was as good as at any time since he knew it, about thirty years.

The fireman and brakeman gave corroborative evidence.

Section Foreman Haddfield examined the road once every day. When he was over the road the afternoon of the previous day it was in apparent proper repair.

Other roadmen gave similar evidence.

James Dargy, that examined at Harrisburg, examined the train before it left there. He found all the wheels and gear in good order.

John Irwin, trainmaster, Palmerston, described the conditions of train, roadbed and rails as he found them on arriving on the scene of the accident with wrecking train.

Mr. Joseph Keating, farmer, near whose house the accident happened, gave evidence about how he found the wreck and what assistance he gave to the rescuers.

Chief Constable Merryweather of Guelph gave similar evidence.

Architect Gray of Harrison produced plans of the scene of the accident.

All the evidence seemed to indicate that the train was in good order, and the jury, after asking numerous questions relative to the roadbed, the conditions of the various appliances on the train, and the probability of something on the track having caused the last car to decide that they would visit the scene of the disaster on Monday next, to which time the inquest was adjourned.

All the injured who are in the hospital here are well.

So far all the Toronto people injured are doing very well except Mr. C. H. Faussey, who was reported to be rather worse last night. The doctors, however, by a great care he may escape the complications feared in his case.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

William Tooley of Wallaceburg Struck Yesterday.

Wallaceburg, March 21.—Wm. Tooley, son of Mr. R. Tooley, jun., was killed by lightning here yesterday. Mr. Tooley was employed at the sugar works as foreman among the laborers. He and some of the men went into one of the cottages near the factory on the rain. Tooley stood in the open doorway watching the passing shower, when he was struck down by a bolt of lightning. Physicians were called immediately, but they could render no service, as he was dead before they reached him.

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

MR. BLAIR'S BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE.

Features of the Measure—Powers To Be Given the Commission—To Consist of Three or Five Members—The Railway Committee To Be Abolished.

Ottawa, March 21.—Hon. Mr. Blair introduced the railway commission bill this afternoon. He explained the general principles of the bill in a manner that indicated his willingness to accept suggestions for its improvement.

The bill in its general outline abolishes the Railway Committee of the Privy Council as it now exists, and substitutes for it a railway commission, an independent tribunal, composed of members independent of the Government, and of Parliament in a sense; experienced men, capable of making as efficient as possible the legislation which it is proposed to place upon the statute book. The Minister described the various kinds of commissions that have been appointed in other countries, their scope and their defects, and the benefits produced by their operation, and explained that, after careful inquiry, there had been embodied in the bill all the best features, while avoiding the defects of both the English and United States commissions. There had, moreover, been introduced new features, which did not occur in either, but which experience had shown were necessary in the public interest. The commission would, it was proposed, exercise control of the operation of railways, of the question of rates, the manner in which trains shall be equipped, in which crossings shall be made, the protection to be afforded the public user, and control generally the operation of the railways.

He proposed to constitute a court composed of three or five. Personally he has had a preference for three, but proposed leaving that for the present, being not unwilling to consider the opinions offered by the House upon the question. The tenure of office proposed and embodied in the bill was ten years, members being eligible for re-appointment. An age limit, beyond which a commissioner could not hold office, was also fixed. Mr. Blair explained that the bill, as reprinted from last year, provided that the commissioners should only be removable on a joint vote of both Houses of Parliament, but having given the matter careful consideration, he proposed to change this, so that they might be removable in the same manner as tenant-Governors of Provinces. He said that it was to be by the Governor-General in Council and on cause.

In answer to Mr. Tarte, Mr. Blair said that there would always be an appeal from the commission to the Governor-General in Council. As to the granting of charters, Mr. Blair said it was not intended to confer on the board the power of issuing "a certificate of public necessity," which is required in some States before a railway may proceed with construction. He suggested that it might be well to have some tribunal, and why not the railway commission, to exercise a vigilant control over the issue of stocks and bonds by railways, so as to prevent the undue and excessive issue of stocks or bonds. As to the constitution of the board, Mr. Blair assured the House that the greatest care would be exercised in selecting the members of it. He indicated that the board would probably consist of a man of large legal experience and familiar with railway matters, a man with technical railway knowledge, and a representative of the farmers, to protect the commercial interests of the country.

Mr. Brock asked if the bill would give the board power to deal with strikes on railways, and Mr. Blair replied that the duties of the board would be sufficiently and exhaustively defined. Besides, any board to deal with labor troubles must have representation of labor on it.

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