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INTERESTING ITEMS

FOR— Saturday Shoppers

Ever before have we been in so good a position to offer you up-to-date merchandise at such low popular prices as this season. Importing as we do from the best manufacturers in Europe, in conjunction with fifteen of the largest stores in Ontario, we can offer you values that could not be had under ordinary conditions. Our great mill out put Carpet sale is an instance of this thing. No such rapid Carpet sale has ever happened in Chatham as has for the last ten days and is at present going on in our Carpet department. Values are uncomparable and customers are quick to take advantage of it. Come in on Saturday and see these items:—

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PREMIER WHITNEY ORDERS FULL AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY

Commissioner Eudo Saunders Will Sit as Judge at Investigation of License Allegations—Government to Conduct the Fullest Inquiry with Evidence on Oath—Prompt and Commendable Action—Court to Open Wednesday Morning

Mr. Eudo Saunders, barrister and head of the Provincial License Department, arrived in the city last evening, under instructions from the Attorney General, Premier Whitney, to conduct a full public enquiry under oath into the rumors and allegations concerning the actions and deliberations of the West Kent Board of License Commissioners.

Mr. Saunders holds a special commission by Order in Council under Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario by which he assumes the position of a judge in a court of law, with power to subpoena witnesses, take evidence on oath with a stenographer, and will submit a finding or judgment to the Government.

In an interview with The Planet this morning Commissioner Saunders said: "I purpose, under commission from the Government, to hold the fullest public enquiry for the purpose of eliciting the facts in reference to certain allegations made, and to discover, in the public interests, whether there be or be not any foundation for them."

"The court of enquiry to be held will be public and all evidence will be taken on oath. It will be the aim to hear everybody who has charges to make or who is implicated or interested in any way or can

throw any light upon the matter. All such will be invited to come forward."

Commissioner Saunders said that preliminary arrangements were now under way and that the place and time of the opening of the court would be fully announced as soon as they were completed. Subpoenas for all witnesses will be issued from the offices of the County Crown Attorney, H. D. Smith, who, it is understood, has been retained by the Government.

ON WEDNESDAY NEXT. The court of enquiry, with Commissioner Saunders presiding, will open in the City Council Chambers, Harrison Hall, on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. Crown Attorney Smith has been instructed to act for the Government and will be in charge of the formal proceedings of the court. The License Board will also be represented by Counsel and doubtless other parties said to be interested will retain legal advice.

Miss Drake, who has been doing the stenographic work for the County Court, will be the stenographer and the Court will have the full powers of a high court of justice. Crown Attorney Smith this morning despatched special notification to the members of the License Board and subpoenas are being issued for many witnesses.

Premier Whitney and the Government are to be congratulated on the prompt, public and emphatic means they have taken to deal with these manifold rumors and allegations.

IN THE MORNING HAZE

Vice Admiral Nebogoff's Squadron Passes Singapore.

Nature Warring on Russia Now—Rojevsky's Ships Damaged in a Typhoon—Two Ships Collided—Japs Ridicule Lincolnton's Report of Their Expulsion From Five Positions—Russian Transports Leaving Sevastopol.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, May 5.—The Russian naval division passed Singapore in semi-darkness and haze at 5:30 o'clock this morning. Six warships and four colliers were sighted. This is evidently Vice-Admiral Nebogoff's squadron, which was passed at 3 o'clock on the morning of May 4 by the British steamer "Sealangor," off Jughra, midway between the Island of Penang and Singapore.

Did Not Expel Japanese. London, May 5.—The correspondent of The Times at Tokio, cables:—The Japanese ridicule Lincolnton's report of the expulsion of the Japanese from five positions and the occupation of Tungshiang by the Russians on April 28. The facts are that the Russian warships with full cargoes of provisions and cattle. He adds that it is reported that American and German newspaper correspondents at Shanghai have chartered the steamer "Fushang" ostensibly to view the coming naval battle. The vessel, he reports, is flying the French flag, but it is believed she is really Russian property with a mission to locate Vice-Admiral Togo.

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Damaged by a Typhoon. Amoy, China, May 5.—A typhoon which swept over the coast of south China this week is said to have damaged the Russian second Pacific squadron considerably. The lighter vessels are said to have scattered. Shipping men expect further delay in the execution of Admiral Rojevsky's plans as a result of the damage sustained by the squadron.

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When a man gets into a tight place he naturally feels rather small. Success often means the ease with which principle is put aside. It makes most people hot to be greeted with an icy stare.

FOUGHT REGULAR BATTLE.

Christians Held Regular Carnival and Plundered the Jews.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—Latest news of the anti-Semitic disorders in the Crimea shows that at Melitopol the people set upon the Jews and fought a regular battle with stones and revolvers. The few police and thirty soldiers were powerless. The Christians from noon until midnight held a carnival of pillage and plunder. Every shop except two jewelry stores were sacked. The arrival of M. Trovoff, Governor of Taurida Province, on the following day, restored order.

Seven Slain at Church. Loda, May 5.—A terrible riot occurred at the Church of the Holy Cross. When a number of Roman Catholics began singing revolutionary songs, a Cossack patrol came up at a gallop and began firing into a crowd of people huddled on the church steps.

SHERIFF TAKES COMMAND.

Swears in 400 Deputies Against the Advice of Mayor Dunne.

Chicago, May 5.—Sheriff Thomas E. Barrett, the chief peace officer of Cook County, in response to an impassioned appeal from more than three hundred leading business concerns of Chicago, has taken command of the forces that will endeavor to stop violence and disorder occasioned by the teamsters' strike. The sheriff at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon began swearing in deputies. At 8 o'clock last night he had an added force of more than 400. The sheriff's action was taken after a conference with Mayor Dunne, and against the advice and approval of the city's chief executive.

Employers Won't Parley. Attempts of the strike leaders today to get the employers to agree to arbitration to settle their differences met with a flat refusal.

Rioting Continues. There were small riots in various parts of the city during the day, and upwards of a dozen persons were hurt, but the number of casualties and the violence displayed were not as great as that of the preceding days. Shots were fired during an encounter between non-union teamsters and strikers early in the day at the Hub stables. Nine men were shot and painfully wounded. In a riot last night at 18th and Dearborn streets, Thomas McCracken, a striking teamster, was stabbed in the neck and beaten over the head by a colored non-union man. Five coal wagons were attacked at Harrison and Dearborn street last night, one man was shot in the hand, and another was cut about the head. Volleys of stones were hurled, wagons and several policemen and drivers were struck.

Million Dollar Convent. Montreal, May 5.—Plans for what will be the largest and best equipped convent building in North America were filed yesterday morning at the City Hall by the Sisters of the Notre Dame Congregation for approval. The new building will be situated on Sherbrooke street; it will be 578 feet long by 10 deep, and will cover 57,416 square feet, and will be five stories high. The building will cost over \$1 million and a half, exclusive of equipment.

Make hay while the sun shines.

A NEW FINANCIAL BILL

To List Ontario Consols is the Government's Intention.

Object of Col Matheson's Bill is the Creation of a Provincial Stock—Following in Footsteps of Other Provinces—An Amendment of An Imperial Act Will Be Asked For—Proceedings in the Legislature.

Toronto, May 5.—The feature of yesterday afternoon's session of the Legislature was Col. Matheson's explanation of the steps the Government have taken to provide for loans for the completion of the Temiskaming Railway and for other purposes. The resolution and the two bills providing the machinery for floating these loans were taken up in turn. One bill is entitled an act respecting the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and the raising of loans authorized by the Legislature. It provides that the Government may create a permanent Provincial stock to be known as the "Ontario Government stock" and shall be personal property, and the said stock and the interest thereon shall be chargeable upon and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The stock shall not be paid off before July 1, 1925. The Government may make regulations as to the debt and payment of interest, and may appoint one or more fiscal agents in London, England, or elsewhere, and agree with them as to the rate of compensation for negotiating loans. It is provided that loans may be raised by the issue of debentures or by the issue of Ontario Government stock, bearing interest not exceeding 4 per cent.

Sinking Fund and Annuities. The Government may provide a sinking fund for the payment of these loans and may grant terminable annuities on terms in accordance with the most approved English tables and based on a rate not exceeding four per cent; may issue exchequer bills or bonds or treasury bills; and the Government may direct that the whole or any portion of the stock of the Province issued or subscribed and forming the whole or part of the public debt of Ontario be inscribed and transferred in a register kept in the United Kingdom, and may take steps to record such inscribed stock or any portion in accordance with the provisions of the Imperial Act, known as the Colonial Stock Act of 1877 to 1900. The Government may at any time change the form of debt. The intention was to issue 40-year debentures or inscribed stock at 4 1/2 per cent, although the bill permits the payment of a rate not exceeding four per cent. He thought the credit of the Province was sufficiently good to secure the more favorable rate.

Press Claims For Subsidy. Col. Matheson said the Government intended pressing its claims for a subsidy from the Dominion Government for the Temiskaming Railway, and if successful the cost of the road to the people would be reduced. As he stated the other day the total cost of the road would be about nine million dollars. Figures were given showing the earnings and expenses of the first section of the Temiskaming Railway. In January from the 14th to 31st the earnings were \$5,219.17, expenses \$4,566.12; February earnings \$7,642.65, expenses \$6,453.59; March earnings \$10,539.15, expenses \$6,453.35, making a total earnings of \$23,399.97, and expenses \$17,472.06, leaving a balance of \$5,827.91. The earnings for April were \$12,333.78, but he was unable to give a statement of expenditures.

British Act In Way. Mr. Harcourt believed it the proper course to get the direct loan but pointed out it could not be made through having Ontario placed upon the lists as trusts territories, the British Colonial Stocks Act being in the way. This could only be achieved by having the British Government amend the Stocks Act. He protested against the general way the bill was worded. The ostensible purpose of the bill being to aid the Temiskaming Railway the bill should say so definitely. The bonusing should not intend further than the needs of the Province.

Mr. Whitney said their would be no danger of the Government falling into error as they were taking every precaution as to the steps being taken. Negotiations were already under way to have the Colonial Stocks Act amended. It was not a new idea for other Provinces were taking the same steps to have themselves listed as trust territories.

Mr. Ross did not seem to regard the obligations of the Province regarding the financial matters as very serious. The Provincial debt was "practically nothing."

"Six millions," said Mr. Matheson. "Oh, no! oh no!" cried the ex-premier. He did not think the British Government would veto the bill even if it did pass. He wanted to know what guarantee there would be that the money would not be expended in other ways than upon the Temiskaming Railway.

Tucker's Bill Popular. Mr. Tucker's bill to widen sleigh runways was strongly supported by Col. Munro, Mr. Hoyle, C. W. Torrington, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Graham and Major Craig, while Mr. McCole expressed the opinion that it was promoted by the manufacturers. The Premier observed that there seemed to be a strong feeling throughout the country, and he suggested it be sent to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Lackner's bill to provide for the repayment of municipal debentures in equal annual instalments was read a second time.

In reply to Mr. Craig, the Minister of Education gave three as the number of Latin text books authorized for use in the high school and collegiate



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Cor. of King and Sixth St.

Institutes of the Province. The Government was not yet able to state what its policy will be in regard to the multiplication of text books.

A number of private bills were read a first time.

Mr. Graham asked if it was the intention of the Government to cut down the indemnity, and the Premier replied that as long as he remained as the head of the Government and the resources of the Province were as they are now the indemnity would be maintained at a proper figure.

The House got through the order paper at 5:30, and there was no night session.

During the discussion of the estimates relating to the Educational Department, Preston (Brant) asked what steps were being taken for the protection of the adult blind in the Province. He suggested a census be taken of them and that proper trades be taught them at the Brantford institution. At the present time only piano tuning and basket weaving, two trades not much in demand, were being taught.

Hon. Dr. Fyne said the question had already engaged their attention, and the Government would take it up.

In the Railway Committee.

Dr. Smellie (Port William) vigorously opposed a bill to incorporate the Loch Lomond and Mount McKay Inclined Railway Co., which wants the right to build an incline railway to Loch Lomond, which Fort William depends upon for its future water supply. The bill was finally withdrawn. A bill to provide a steam railway between Penetang and Orillia was passed, and the bills of application from the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway for an extension and of the Horncastle Railway Co. for privileges were reported.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Officers Elected at Peterborough—Next Annual at Winnipeg.

Peterborough, May 5.—At yesterday morning's session of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society the following officers were elected: President, Miss Shortreed, Toronto; vice-presidents, Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Zeller and Mrs. Jeffrey; recording secretary, Miss Smellie, Toronto; corresponding secretary, Miss Martin, Toronto; home secretary, Miss Jean Caven, Toronto; foreign secretary, Miss J. J. Bell, Toronto; secretary of Indian and Chinese missions in the Northwest and British Columbia, Miss Craig, Toronto; secretary of international conference, Miss Thornton, Toronto; secretary of Tidings, general literature and life membership certificates, Miss Parsons, Toronto; treasurer, Miss L. L. George, Toronto; editor of Tidings, Miss J. McGillivray, B. A., Toronto. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Winnipeg.