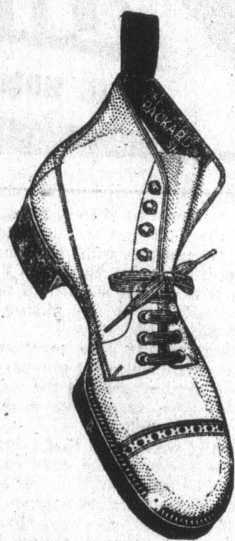


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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, March 1.—11 a. m.—Strong winds and gales, easterly to southerly winds, and milder; snow to-night, turning in most localities to rain.

LOCAL

B. Blonde is in Dresden to-day. Cephere Ouellette arrived in the city from the Northwest to-day. The work of rebuilding Crow's dock was finished by A. McLathie yesterday.

Miss Dolan has returned to the city, after a few weeks' visit with friends in Bolton.

A. Warburton has resigned his position as motorman on the C. W. & L. E. electric road, and will take a position in Hamilton.

Miss Eva Cromby was the guest of Mrs. James Slater, Chatham Township, yesterday.

B. French, who has been unable to work for some time, owing to a sprained leg, resumed his duties with the Blonde Mfg. Co. to-day.

W. J. Rutley, foreman at the Blonde Mfg. Co., who received a very severe burn on the right arm this week is improving nicely. A nice assortment of nickel-plated bath room trimmings, such as towel bars, soap, brush and sponge holders, still going at dissolution sale prices. Phone 6. Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas.

Bargains are to be had in Table Cutlery and Roger Bros' A1 silver plated Flat and Hollow ware, at the great dissolution sale of hardware, etc. Phone 6. Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas.

EAD EFFECT.

Don't you think divorce has a bad effect on the children? Yes, indeed; they are thrown so much more with their parents.

SOAPS ADVANCING IN PRICE!

All Soaps are advancing in price, and WHITE CASTILE is no exception. By purchasing early we were able to buy at the old prices and can therefore still offer

**White Castile at
20c a Bar.....**

Lay in a supply now while you can buy at this price.

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SKATING EXHIBITION

There was some excitement at the skating rink last night when two strangers dressed in black dropped onto the ice, and commenced to do a few fast and fancy stunts for the benefit of the spectators.

One of the strangers did not stay long on the ice, but the other remained, and commenced to whirl around the entire circle of the rink at a pace that made the crowd stare. It was the best exhibition of fast skating ever witnessed on the local rink. The two strangers were Charlie Leverton and Art. Stewart, of Toronto. Leverton is a professional hockey player and holds several trophies won for fast skating, one of which is a valuable gold watch. He is now travelling for the Caron Bros. jewelry house of Montreal. He carries his skates with him, and at each stop he has worked on the local rink, to keep himself hardened up.

BUGGY WAS SMASHED

Another bad result of tying horses along King street was in evidence this morning. I. H. Coffell, who lives on the 5th concession, Raleigh, left his horse and buggy standing at the curbing in front of Dossithe Martin's property on King street about 11 o'clock.

A Mr. Braxton, who works for Wm. Reid, of Harwich, attempted to pass the standing rig with a team of horses attached to an empty hay wagon. Just as he was passing, a C. W. & L. E. trolley came down behind him, struck the corner of the rack and shoved his wagon into the buggy at the curbing. The buggy was shoved up on the walk, and one of the hind wheels was smashed beyond repair.

Mr. Coffell says that this is the second time this winter that he has had his buggy smashed while left standing on the streets in this city. The unfortunate part of it was that he came into town this morning to get a prescription for one of his children, who is very ill, and the wrecking of his buggy caused considerable delay in his return. He was in Dr. Rutherford's office when the accident occurred.

LORD'S DAY ACT HELD UP.

No Prosecutions in British Columbia, Pending Provincial Law.

Victoria, B. C., Mar. 1.—The British Columbia Government has under consideration the question of introducing legislation in connection with the Lord's Day Observance Act, a Federal law, which comes into force to-day.

Under the Dominion law, no prosecution can be taken unless authorized by the Provincial Attorney-General, and, pending a decision by the British Columbia Government as to a provincial law, no prosecution for infractions of the federal act will be authorized or assented to.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED TO RENT—Modern up-to-date nine-room house with all conveniences. Apply, stating full particulars, to Box F, Planet.

GROCERY STOCK FOR SALE.—Good stand, on King St., building equipped with cold storage facilities, heated with steam, and supplied with all modern sanitary conveniences. Apply to Box 205, Chatham.

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YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE
AND WEDDING RING
VONGUNTEN'S

MORTGAGESALE

Under and by virtue of the Powers contained in a certain Mortgage made by one John Anthony Bell to the Mortgagee, which will be produced at the time and place of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction on

Monday, the 18th day of March, 1907
at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, at the Bankin House, in the City of Chatham, by Arthur Stewart, Auctioneer, the following property, namely:

All and Singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Chatham, in St. George's County of Kent, and being composed of:—

FIRST—The North half of the South half of Lot number one hundred and eighty-five on the South side of Wellington Street in the said City of Chatham, having a frontage of fifty feet more or less on the Easterly side of Princess Street, in said City of Chatham.

SECOND—The westerly half of the northerly half of said lot number one hundred and eighty-five, containing one-eighth of an acre, more or less, and having a frontage of fifty-two feet on Wellington street by one hundred and four feet more or less, on Princess street.

There are two frame houses on the land. The property will be sold subject to a certain registered mortgage thereon for \$650.00 and interest.

Terms—Ten per cent. of the purchase price to be paid down at the time and place of sale and the balance to be paid in two weeks from date of sale.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to
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Hon. A. J. Matheson
Presents His
Budget

A VERY GOOD SHOWING

Toronto, March 1.—A provincial surplus of \$1,050,000 for two years of office was the splendid message Hon. A. J. Matheson presented to the Legislature in the budget speech yesterday.

"We had the money—and we spent it. But we paid it out for the people," was his comment on the increased expenditure.

The Minister's address was undoubtedly one of his best efforts. He spoke for two hours and held the attention of the House and well-filled galleries, not an easy task when the subject matter so largely dealt with figures. He was in a happy vein. He had a story of good tidings, of well-filled coffers, of diminishing liability, of provincial prosperity and good government.

Yet he sounded one striking note of warning to the municipalities.

Increase of Municipal Debts.
He regarded as a most serious matter the great increase of \$5,200,000 in the municipal debts.

"I firmly believe," said Hon. Col. Matheson, "in the municipalities owning a reasonable amount of their public utilities, but are they not going beyond safe financial bounds? They are wasting their money. I believe it to be my duty as Provincial Treasurer to warn them to be careful. Let there be a revival in the public interest in municipal affairs."

At present there was a tendency to reckless and wasteful municipal expenditure in the cities, towns and villages, a carelessness over growing overdrafts and a readiness on the part of banks and financiers to avoid municipal securities.

Spent On Education.
Col. Matheson drew attention to the growth of the province during the past two years. The greater outlay had been largely devoted to education, to the assisting and benefiting of the rural schools and the encouragement of the Provincial university, and to the paying to the municipalities of the railway taxation; the expenditure was being paid to the people.

In detail he reviewed the expenditure and receipts of the various governmental departments, pointing out the great progress which had been made in all lines of effort. In comparison he traced the many peculiar and unexplicable financial transactions which characterized the former Government's regime and boldly characterized them as graft. The cable correspondence between Hon. Messrs. Harcourt and Ross over the English Coates & Co. loan was made public, showing that someone was to receive the "\$25,000 commission."

"The most charitable construction to be placed upon this transaction," declared the Minister, "is that this commission was to be devoted to the election funds of the party."

Estimated Receipts.

The Treasurer presented the following figures for the estimated receipts for the year, which did not include the revenue to be derived from the proposed tax on mines:

Subsidy	\$1,339,287.00
Interest on Trust Funds	80,000.00
Interest on Investments	90,000.00
Crown Lands Department	3,437,000.00
Public Institutions	135,000.00
Central Prison Industries	60,000.00
Education Department	45,000.00
Provincial Secretary's Department	175,000.00
Agriculture	74,000.00
Casual Revenue	140,000.00
Succession Duties	700,000.00
Supplementary Revenue Tax	640,000.00
Tavern and Brewers' Licenses	550,000.00
Law Stamps	80,000.00
Algebra Taxes	2,000.00
Fisheries	65,000.00

Total Estimated Receipts 7,612,287.28
Cash Balances 31st December, 1906 3,497,239.62
Total \$11,109,526.90

Money to Burn.

Mr. E. J. B. Penne, of Kingston, who essayed the task of financial critic, did not attempt to criticize. He realized to the full the great prosperity which had been reported. He even declared there was "money to burn" and recommended additional expenditures, but claimed that his party when in office had laid the foundation and builded for the present prosperity.

Mr. J. B. Lucas, Centre Grey, followed with a particularly bright and capable address, reviewing the progressive legislation which had characterized the Whitney regime.

Disowned the Statement.
Mr. C. N. Smith, Sault Ste. Marie, was under the necessity of calling on the well-worn excuse that he had been misreported in a speech he made in the West. Middlesex, and which was brought to the attention of the House by Hon. Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Smith was reported as having said that Government Accountant Thorne was a partner in the Charlotte Taylor prison labor contract, a statement he promptly disowned when Mr. Hanna confronted him with it.

Fatally Injured.
St. Thomas, Mar. 1.—E. Snider, an M. C. R. brakeman, was crushed while coupling cars at Welland last night, and it is feared that he sustained internal injuries which may result fatally. He was brought to the Amasa Wood Hospital, in this city.

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This Spring showing surpasses all our former records in variety, number and beauty of styles and fabrics, and in the great number of superb novelties and exclusive designs. We would suggest you seeing the goods while they are at the best end of their freshness.

We know that you will say that the display has never before been equalled in the City of Chatham. The materials include All-wool Voiles, Silk Voiles, New Ottomans, New Melrose Suitings, Fancy Check, Over-check and Stripe Suitings, all the latest French and German productions. Also a large new collection of Cream Serges and Cheviots, Fancy Barages and Batistes.

**Now Is The Time to Buy if You
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Fancy Mulls, very sheer, silk finish, suitable for lingerie waists, in spots, stripes and cross bars, at 30c, 35c, 40c and 45c per yard.

Fancy White Vestings in cross bars, stripes, spots and other designs, a large assortment to select from, 15c to 60c per yard. Also White Vestings with black stripes at 25c per yard.

Persian Lawn, very fine sheer thread, suitable for open work and eyelet embroidery, for waists and children's dresses, at prices ranging from 15c to 40c.

Large and Small Fancy Colored Checks, in all colors, for ladies' spring suits, at 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c.

Linen Counter Specials.—35 dozen Linen Huck Towels with red border, size 18 x 38, very special at 12½c each.

15 dozen Hemstitched Huck Towels, plain white, size 21 x 40, regular 25c towel for 20c.

50 dozen Hemmed Napkins, size 19 x 19, very fine, pure linen, at \$1 per dozen.

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