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ALTERATION SALE PRICES

Black Dress Goods

WEDNESDAY.

Our entire stock of Black Dress Goods is offered at reduced sale prices to morrow. Remember that this is not an offering of a few odd pieces, but an entire stock consisting of almost any style of black goods that you can ask for. For Wednesday we add a touch of interest to our Alteration Sale by these prices in black dress goods :-

\$.50 Black Dress Goods for \$.42 .75 Black Dress Goods for .63 1.00 Black Dress Goods for .89 1.25 Black Dress Goods for 1.50 Black Dress Goods for

Broad Cloths, Venetians, Canvas Cloth, Etimenes, Voiles, Crepede-Chenes, Eolines, Coatings, Serges, Cheviots, etc., etc., anything that you want almost, in black goods is here to-morrow at the above reduced

Fancy Parasols at Half Price.

We offer you very choice fance parasols to morrow at half price, including plain colors and white, also including children's frilled silk parasols, in dainty colorings. Half price rule for to-

\$1.00 Parasols for 50c. 2.00 Parasols for \$1.00. 4.00 Parasols for 2.00.

New Apron Ginghams. Yard wide fine indigo ginghams, in checks and stripes, large variety, excellent value at 12 1/2c.

Continued Sale of Cottons

Wednesday we offer you an extra heavy yard wide unbleached sheeting cotton, regular value oc a yd, for 70.

Wednesday we offer you a fine bleached Cambric cotton, yard wide, reg.value 121/2c yd, for 100.

Wednesday we offer you a fine yard wide, extra fine and good weight, thoroughly bleached cotton, reg.value

Thos. Stone & Son.

SLAUGHTER

Refrigerators, Oil Stoves, Hammocks. Ice Cream Freez-Gas Stoves, Screen Doors, etc.

We must clear our floor of summer goods to make room for our big fall display of stoves. Commencing Wednesday, Aug. 12th, we will inaugurate a slaughter sale that will afford buyers an unprecented opportunity to get much for little. For the next two weeks we will keep open until 9 p. m., to give every one a chance. Note the sacrifice in prices. This sale is a slaughter.

See the deep cuts in screen doors, hammocks, ice cream freezers, water coolers, water filters.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

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Beaver Flour

(Blended Winter and Spring Wheat.)

It is absolutely uniform and reliable and is a triumph in upto-date milling. It is a trade getter and a trade holder. Its high and uniform quality speaks for itself, and every order sold means another to follow. Chop stuffs, Mill Feeds, Cereals, &c., all at reasonably low price. Highest prices paid for wool, wheat, &c.

The T. H. TAYLOR CO., Limited

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

REMARKABLE GATHERING AT THE OPENING SESSION.

utions Disposed of in Regard to Colonial Contribution sto Imperial Defence, etc.

Montreal, Aug. 18.-The business of public opinion in Montreal, and be fore the week ends the thought of proinent men from Britain and her farthest dominions beyond the seas will have been recorded. It is the fifth Conhave been recorded. It is the fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire now doing Canada the exceeding great honor of holding their first meeting outside of London in Canada's commercial capital. The incident is indicative of the unrest in British fiscal sentiment, the striving for more satisfactory conditions for something to strengthen Imperial relations while not embarrassing home affairs British fiscal sentiment, the striving for more satisfactory conditions for some thing to strengthen Imperial relations while not embarrassing home affairs and ever tending to the consolidation of the British dominions. More than in point of numbers, wherein this meeting is remarkable, it is exceedingly interesting to Canadians, for it brings representatives from prosperous industrial Britain, from sumy France, from war-scarred South Airica, from the Antipodes, from ancient Egypt, from the tropical West Indies, from the mysterious east and great unfenced west. Many varieties of individuals there are, but the predominating type is the thorough going British merchant, the solid shopkeeper despised by England's famous enemy, the man whose well-kept physique tells of sturdy English roast beef and nut brown ale.

There are many striking figures in this great assembly, but towering above all in point of general interest are Lord Strathcona, the Hon. President. The former, who has given his life to the upbuilding of his adopted country, Canada, came from his London duties especially to be present. He is ever welcome, but his reception to-day has been a fitting recognition of a life of toil for Canada and for the empire. Lord Brassey is one of the few members of the British aristocracy who have devoted time and energy to colonial subjects, through the memorable cruises of his yacht Sunbeam, which again bore him aeross the Atlantic on this his latest mission. The cities and towns of this Dominion are well represented, and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our corn delegate and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our corn delegate and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our corn delegate and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our corn delegate and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our corn delegate and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our corn delegate and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our corn delegate and the corn delegate

The cities and towns of this Dominion are well represented, and in the deliberations of yesterday the voices of our own delegates were frequently heard in tones of cheery optimism for the future of Canada and the empire. There were several politicians present from Ottawa, and of these two of the noticeable ones were Hon. J. Israel Tarte and Hon. A. G. Blair.

Yesterday's proceedings disposed of some ten resolutions, the most important of which were those favoring colonial contributions to the Imperial defence, and Col. Denison's motion respecting the food supply of the empire. In the former there was a schism between the sentiments of the British and the French resolutions submitted by Montreal. This was happily solved by Col. Denison's amendment uniting the main principles of both. The delegates are being well entertained socially, being invited to a reception at the Board ing invited to a reception at the Board of Trade last night, to a reception by Lord Strathcona on Wednesday and the banquet on Thursday, with other events between. It is expected that the twelve preferential trade resolutions, which an effort is being made to unite in one, will be considered to-mor-

Col. G. T. Denison, Toronto Board of Trade, moved the following:—
"Whereas the assurance of a constant and ample supply of food to the citizens of the United Kingdom in both peace and war is a matter of the first importance for the security of the peace and war is a matter of the first importance for the security of the empire, it is resolved that in the opinion of this congress the food supply of Great Britain can be most safely relied upon by developing the output of her own territories to such an extent as to make her independent of supplies from foreign sources, and to best achieve this end it is most desirable and necessary to divert as far as possible all of her able-bodied surplus population who will make useful citizens to the shores of her dominions beyond the seas."

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Colonel Denison referred to the steady decline of exports and the increase of imports of wheat into Great Britain until 1902, when 46 per cent. of the consumption came from the United States, and in the Crimean war in 1854-5 the price of wheat nearly doubled. Colonel Denison continued with an eloquent argument to show the advantage of being independent of foreign nations as regards food supplies, which was heartily applauded. He said: "Now, if there was a small duty of four shillings a quarter in favor of home-grown and two shillings a quartering for the five you would grow the ten millions more in England, and with two shillings to influence the people leaving England you would have them settled on this side of the water, instead of going out of your country and settling in the United States. They would rather come to our own country and settle under our own flag, where they would get this advantage of British safety and British influence; you would have them come and help feed the British people. (Applause)

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. W. Woods of Toronto and discussed by Mr. Sydney Humphries of Bristol and Mr. J. H. Mullins of Cardiff, who objected to the debasing of the grades of Canadian wheat; Mr. S. R. Boulton, London, and Mr. James Cor-

of North Shields agreed cordially with the resolution, though disagreeing with Col. Denison's speech. Mr. R. Harvey Dawe of Plymouth supported the resolution and strongly objected to the better grades of Canadian wheat being mixed with the poorer by the Canadian farmers. "If the men who grow this finest wheat are to be injurded by this mixing the sooner you find it out and stop it the better for you and the British miller." said Mr. Dawe said cheers.

Mr. Alex. McFee of Montreal defended the port of Montreal from responsibility for the degrading of wheat. Mr. J. S. Dranfield of Oldham, Eng., iavored encouraging wheat-raising in the colonies.

Mr. D. R. Wilkie of Toronto remarked on the danger which would follow the United States symaphtizing with Britain's foes in time of war and wheat being declared contraband.

Col. Denison added a few words on the prospect of war, saying: "Sir, I hope we will have no war, but there is a possibility, there is a probability all the time, that such a thing may happen. Only a very few years ago, and Mr. Hogg himself must remember it, there came a message on the Venezuela business from the President of the United States, a matter with which the United States had nothing under the sun to do, couched in such terms that between any other two nations war would certainly have resulted, and on the sending of this message 42 out of 45 Governors of States telegraphed at once to the President and offered the services of their militia and forces to attack Canada. (Applause.) Well, we were not afraid of them. (Applause.) Well, gentlemen, you rathet augh at that. (Cries of No, no.) I tell you when they were one hundred to one they could not thrash us, and they cannot thrash us to-day when they are fitteen to one." (Cheers.)

The motion was then carried unanimously. The resolution from the North India Chamber favoring the emigration of coolies from India to British colonies was withdrawn.

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THE WESTERN CROP.

Reports to the C.N.R. Indicate a Bountiful Harvest.

Winnipeg, Aug. 18 .- The crop reports of the Canadian Northern Railway for the past week show that all along the company's lines grain has made a most decided improvement, and that the estimates formed three weeks that the estimates formed three weeks or a month ago were far below the actual condition of the crop. While the weather in nearly all sections of the Province tapped by the lines of the company has been cool and wet, and not favorable for cutting, it has had the effect of giving the grain a new chance to head out, and for this reason the yield will be heavier than anticipated. In the Red River valley and in the southwestern portion of the Province southwestern portion of the Province the wheat will average twelve to eigh-teen bushels to the acre, while in the north and the centre the yield will easnorth and the centre the yield will easily reach between twenty and twenty four bushels. Nowhere has hail or frost done the least damage, and the indications are that the farmers will have a bountiful harvest. Cutting will be general by the end of the week.

INSANE WOMAN'S DTED. Miss Mary Meineilly Hanged Hersell

at the London Asylum. London, Aug. 18.-Yesterday Mary Meineilly, an inmate of the London Asylum for the Insane, committed suicide by hanging herself with a sheet. The woman, who had been an inmate of the institution for several years, had been placed in a part of the woman's ward occupied by patients who were subject to fits of melancholy. It is the rule of the attendants and others on watch to visit every patient at short intervals, and it was between these visits that she committed suicide.

YOUNG GIRLS ACCUSED. Of Conspiring Against the State in Prussia.

Berlin, Aug. 18 .- The authorities have arrested fifty Polish girls at Gnersen, East Prussia, on the charge of conspiring against the State. The girls, whose ages range from fourteen to twenty years were, with three exceptions, pupils at the high school. The three exceptions, who are the oldest of the prisoners, were teachers in the school.

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All of them were in the habit of reading Polish books and studying Polish history, and in their discussions expressed hopes for the re-establishment of the ancient kingdom of Poland. The Public Prosecutor announces that he will proceed against the girls for treason.

Captain Garvin's Death.

Cornwall, Aug. 17.—(Special.)—
Captain Charles Garvin of the Government steamer Alert was found dead in the cabin of the steamer this morning. Captain Garvin had complained of being unwell the past few days. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. His remains will be taken to Farran's Point for interment.

FORTY WERE KILLED

By the Collapse of a Vessel's Upper Deck.

Helsingfors, Finland, Aug. 18 .- A terrible accident occurred on Lake Tykojarvi yesterday. The upper deck of a vessel conveying people from church collapsed, and forty persons were drowner or killed, and many others were injured.

HFAD CRUSHED TO PULP.

TERRIBLE DEATH OF AN OWEN SOUND CITIZEN.

Fatality Due to His Horse Runni Away With Him-George Mc-Lellan Badly Scalded.

Smith, a former resident of Elmwood, who moved to Owen Sound last March was instantly killed yesterday afternoon in an accident on the farm of William G. Bell, a well-known contractor on the western outskirts of the town.
At the rear of Mr. Bell's residence is a steep private roadway, which leads down by a winding route to the river The road is uneven, with trees at the The road is uneven, with trees at the angle of almost every turn. Right at the top a sharp drop in the road occurs. At the start of the incline some of the lumber slipped forward and the horse ran away. Hali way down the hill, when going at a terrific speed, the waggon dashed into a tree. The victim's head was crushed to a pulp and wedged into the angle

rine speed, the waggon dashed into a tree. The victim's head was crushed to a pulp and wedged into the angle formed by the spokes of the wheel. The right arm was torn from the body and hurled many feet away, while the left arm was terribly mangled. Death, of course, was instantaneous. A widow and three daughters survive. The victim of the tragedy was fifty-five years of age and a member of West Street Methodist Church.

George McLellan of Hill street, a clerk in the C. P. R. through freight office here, was seriously scalded last night. He was one of a party of campers who occupied a tent on the northern outskirts of King's Royal Park. While passing the fire his foot caught on a pole, from which was suspended a pot of boiling water. As he fell the water was thrown over his face and back. The young man is seriously though not fatally injured.

NOTHING NEW FOR CARRIE. Locked Up For Disorderly Conduct in New Jersey.

Bayonne, N.J., Aug. 18-Mrs. Car rie Nation was locked up here last night, charged with disorderly con-She collected a crowd by haranguing on a street corner, and then ran around the men striking pipes, cigars and cigarettes from their mouths until a policeman arrested her.

GUILTY OF INFANTICIDE.

A Pretty Girl Arrested at Windson Admits the Charge.

Windsor, Aug. 18.-Ella Rich Strathroy, a pretty nineteen-year-old girl, with engaging manners, is under arrest at police headquarters the selfarrest at police headquarters the sen-confessed murderess of her fe-male child, whose body was taken from the river under the Michigan Central dock here this morning, where she said she had thrown it.

FUNERAL OF A. F. PIRIE.

by Many Friends.

Hamilton, Aug. 18.—The funeral of the late Mr. A. F. Pirie of The Dundas Banner took place yesterday afternoon in Dundas, and a large crowd of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their last resting place. Among them were a number of people from a distance, and they included outside newspaper men. The services were conducted by Rev. William Clark of London, a relative. The following were pallbearers:—Messrs. John Ross Robertson, proprietor of the Toronto Evening Telegram: Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review; Hon. Thomas Bain, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons; James Somerville, ex-M.P.; T. H. A. segue, Clerk of the County Court, and F. D. Souter, Dundas. das Banner took place yesterday after-

Train Fatality in Saxony. Zwickau, Saxony, Aug. 17.—A pas-senger train was derailed to-day be-tween Rothenkirchen and Ober-Krin-

itz. Three persons were killed and forty were injured.

Attending Army Manocuvres.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—The Czat and Czarina have left St. Petersburg to attend the army manoeuvres in the vicinity of the Town of Pskoff, 162 miles

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. The new Board of Trade building at Montreal was formally opened.

A new Presbyterian church was opene at Portage, on the Lake of Bays. The largest fleet of British and French

Militia orders announce the disbanding of the 25th Elgin Regiment, with headquarters at St. Thomas.

Two little girls and a married sister who tried to save them were drowned near Bing Fork, on the Rainy River.

The United States have finally secured from China a guarantee that Mukden and Tatungtao shall be open ports.

A Hamilton syndicate acquired three A tramitton syndicate acquired three of the city's breweries,and immediately rais-ed the price of beer one dollar a barrel. A terrific hallstorm in many parts of Manitoba and the Territories killed a number of cattle and sheep and cause

A PAINTER'S FALL.

Mr. J. Brimmell of Lindsay Meets With a Terrible Accident.

Lindsay, Aug. 18 .- Mr. John Brimmell, painter, while at work on a high mell, painter, while at work on a high scaffold inside Cambridge Street Methodist Church, which is being repainted, overbalanced and fell a distance of twenty-five feet. His shoulders were broken, and his head terribly crushed. Drs. Clark and Collison are in attendance, but hold out no hope of recovery. Mr. Brimmell is now lying at the point of death at his residence, Colborne street. Owen Sound, Aug. 18.-Samuel Colborne street.

OFF FOR THE HARVEST.

NUMBERS OF NORTHWEST EX-CURSIONISTS FALLING OFF.

Many People Taking Advantage of Present Cheap Rates-Special Trains Yesterday Loaded

Toronto, Aug. 18. - The first harvesters' excursion of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the Northwest took place yesterday, 'and Northwest took place yesterday, and six special trains, loaded with harvest hands, left Ontario for Manitoba. In view of the great scarcity of farmalaborers in this Province the outcome of the excursions this year was awaited with considerable interest, and while the number of those who left by yesterday's trains was far below the first day's excursionists of last year, the decrease was not as large as some of the railway officials had expected. On the three trains leaving Toronto were some 1,050 people, and those on two additional specials from Orillia, on the Midland, brought the number up to about 1,700. On August 20 of last year, the day of the first northwest excursion, there were 2,525 passengers for Winnipeg. It was a subject of comment at the station yesterday that many of those who were taking advantage of the cheap rates were in reality citizens who were not intending to work in the harvest fields. A large number of the excursionista were also women, who had postponed their trips to the northwest to take advantage of the cheap rates.

To-day all of the excursionists from Toronto to Sarfila on the Grand Trunk, and the other trips to the northwest and north, but not north of Toronto and Cardwell Junction, will be taken to the west. The furnisher who participated in the Irip on this day last year was 2,773.

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The territory from which yesterday's excursionists were recruited includes stations in Ontario east of Toronto to Sharbot Lake and Kingston, and Midland division of the Grand Trunk north of Toronto and Cardwell. All the local trains in the morning brought in harvesters, and the first lot left on the regular North Bay train at 1.45 in the atternoon. Two specials followed later.

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There will not, as a matter of fact, be as many harvesters required from the east this year as have been asked for in the past two years. One reason for this is the condition of the northin the past two years. One reason for this is the condition of the northwestern crops, which are not as abundant, although with the increased acreage the total yield is not expected to fall much behind that of last year. There are, too, very many more hands in Manitoba and the Territories this year, a fact that will be readily appreciated when it is stated that the Canadian Pacific up to the end of July had sent into Winnipeg quite one hundred special immigrant trains.

Last season eastern Canada supplied probably 18,000 men to work in the harvest fields of the west. This year from 8,000 to 10,000 will probably be the outside mark. It has been found that with the demand for farm labor in Ontario at good wages there is less disposition for the young men to leave their farms here and seek work in the west.

From Ontario, the Canadian Pacific

From Ontario the Canadian Pacific is running three excursions, which, it is hoped, may take out from 4,500 to 4,800 harvesters. If these three, how-4,800 harvesters. If these three, how-ever, do not gather in men enough then another series of excursions will

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All trunks now in stock are offered at a big cut price to clear them out as we do not intend to handle any more after those we have are sold.

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