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Specials for To-Night —AND— ... Friday ...

We are open To-Night until 9.30. We give you an especially tempting list for To-Night's and To-Morrow's shopping. Better come to-night, though if possible because some of the limited quantities may be gone before to-morrow comes. Come to-night or to-morrow morning.

49c Sale Swiss Applique Pieces
White Swiss applique pieces, consisting of pillow shams, dresser covers, 5 o'clock covers, and centre pieces in a splendid variety of pretty new designs, on sale to-night and Friday very special at each, 49c.

Embroidery Turnovers, 5c Each
White Swiss embroidery turnovers, in very pretty variety of designs, lots to select from, regular prices 8c, and 10c each, on sale to-night and Friday special at each, 5c.

\$2.50 Lace Curtains for \$1.88
A chance to buy a useful gift under price. Fine white fish or cable net lace curtains, 3-12 yards long, plain centres, with elegant floral borders, regular price \$2.50 a pair.
Also fine white Nottingham lace curtains, 3-12 yards long, in handsome all over floral designs, regular price \$2.50 a pair—both styles on sale very special to-night and Friday special at \$1.88.

Lace Edge Handkerchiefs 3 for 50 Cents.
Ladies' fine white hemstitched and scalloped handkerchiefs, with fine Val lace edges, with insertion set in, regular prices 20c and 25c each, on sale to-night and Friday at 3 for 50c.

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs 4 for 25c
Ladies' fine guaranteed pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, with neat narrow hem, on sale very special to-night and Friday at 4 for 25c.

50c Belts for 38c
Ladies' black taffeta silk belts, mounted with very neat buckles and slides, in black metal and brass, handsomely wide tucked, regular price 50c each, on sale to-night and Friday special at 38c.

\$3.50 Gauntlets for \$1.65
Children's fur lamb gauntlets in pretty light grey, warm, lined and serviceable, regular price \$3.50 a pair, on sale to-night and Friday special at \$1.65.

\$1.00 Muffs for 50c
Children's white lamb's wool muffs caps and gauntlets, slightly soiled but can be easily cleaned, regular prices \$1.00 to \$1.50 each, on sale to-night and Friday for 50c.

Special Christmas Rugs
An extra large showing for the holiday trade of elegant Wilton and Moquette rugs, special values and exquisite designs, in sizes 30 x 60 inches and 36 x 72 inches, at \$3.00, \$4.50 and \$7.50.

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GOOD VALUE THIS SEASON

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TELEPHONE, 186.

LET US HAVE A PROVINCIAL HOUSE-CLEANING

UNWILLING CANDIDATE

John Cochrane, of Ridgetown, was Nominated at the East Kent Ross Convention To-Day.

He Didn't Want the Honor But it was Thrust Upon Him—E. E. Parrott Would Have Liked It

Ridgetown, Dec. 22.—At last the Ross faction in East Kent has secured a candidate, although a very unwilling one, in the person of John Cochrane, of Ridgetown. Mr. Cochrane didn't want the nomination and he said so in unmistakable terms, but a candidate was needed, and needed badly, and Mr. Cochrane was urged and implored to take the nomination. A stormy meeting of the executive was held this morning, and after every effort of D. A. Gordon, M. P., John Lee, ex-M. P., John A. Walker, E. E. Parrott and others had been put forward, Mr. Cochrane still refused the nomination. The general convention was held in the afternoon, John Howat, the president, presiding, John Howat, of Thamesville, was the first speaker. He tendered his resignation as the Liberal candidate. He also took occasion to characterize

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As a dirty, slummy little sheet for saying that he was scared out by Philip H. Bowyer. He hadn't been frightened off. His business wouldn't permit of his running. Mr. Howat then nominated John Cochrane, of Ridgetown. Angus Gillanders seconded the nomination.

Mr. Cochrane said that he didn't want the honor and hardly thought he would take it. After repeated calls from the crowd he accepted. Mr. Cochrane said he wasn't in politics, but was willing to see what he could do. He thought he could learn. Speeches were delivered by D. A. Gordon and others of the Liberals present. E. E. Parrott was in evidence early and he made a strong canvas for the nomination. G. W. Ross and G. P. Graham didn't put in an appearance as expected. The Planet representatives in Ridgetown have gathered some ideas as to the popularity of Philip H. Bowyer, the Liberal-Conservative candidate. Many warm liberals were absent from the convention both through friendship to Mr. Bowyer and a realizing sense of the corruption existing in the ranks of the Ross Government.

LIKE A MAN

Nathan Lucas Went Off to Earn His Own Living—His Wife Wants Him to do a Little More Than That However

The usually grim and foreboding interior of the police court has charms for Mrs. Mary Lucas. The other day she was there in consequence of a slight difference of opinion with Mrs. Duckett, which was smoothed over on payment of \$1 fine and costs. This morning she was back again in the role of complainant. "She turned me out in the cold and earned my own living like a man," remarked Nathan Lucas whilst giving his testimony in the Duckett case. Mary does not deem this sufficient, and in consequence has laid an information charging the industrious and self-reliant Nathan with the non-support of their son and heir, Roy Lucas. The case will come up on Tuesday next.

BIG ENGINES

Sidings at Several Stations Enlarged—New Shops Nearly Ready.

Business on the Pere Marquette is very brisk at the present time and the officials are kept on the jump keeping the line open. There were over 250 cars in Chatham waiting to be moved, and Blenheim yards were blocked for a short time. An official of the P. M. informed a Journal reporter that they were fast getting things in shape to handle the business. Two monster engines arrived last week and two more today, which will be put into service immediately. "We are trying the experiment of putting larger engines on our local run west and north and expect that results will prove satisfactory," said the official. The new shops are about ready for the installation of the heavy machinery. Work on a small scale was commenced a few days ago. The sidings at Middlemarch have been extended and now have a capacity of seventy-five cars. New sidings have been put in at Iona and the capacity increased fifty cars; the siding will now hold 100 cars. There has been little trouble so far with snow on the branches. The London branch, which usually gives considerable trouble, while somewhat heavy, is kept clear. On asking if they had sufficient men to handle their trains, the Journal man was informed that men were plentiful and everything was fast being put in good shape for the winter months.—St. Thomas Journal.

DEATH OF RECIPROCITY

Proposed Meeting of Joint High Commission Abandoned.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in Reply to Senator Fairbanks, in Effect Says: That Canada Does Not Desire a Meeting of the Commission—Failure of Commission Laid to the Canadian Premier's Curiousness and Indifference.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The proposed meeting of the British-American Joint High Commission to consider reciprocity between the United States and Canada and about eleven other matters in dispute between the two countries has been abandoned. Senator Fairbanks, urged by the president and many public men in various sections of the country, has been anxious to bring about a settlement of the question by this commission before his retirement from the Senate on March 4. He has written a number of letters to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, chairman of the British membership, but all replies have been to the effect that the Canadian government has no intention of meeting the commission and has no propositions for submission.

The reason for Sir Wilfrid's curtness is found in a speech delivered in the House last session by Representative Payne of New York, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Payne, being asked by a Democratic member, what had been accomplished by the Joint High Commission, said that little had actually been done, and that the failure was due to the indifference of the Canadian Commissioners, which had amounted to discourtesy toward the United States Commissioners. Sir Wilfrid's recent letters have convinced President Roosevelt and Senator Fairbanks that it is useless to urge a meeting of the commission, and the subject will probably not come up again for some time unless the Canadian Government shows a disposition to have the question of reciprocity mutually discussed.

Ask for Minard's and take no other

ON THE WARPATH

Says It Costs \$105 for Windsor's Mayor to Sit Down.

Ald. Watt promises to ask a few pertinent questions at the meeting of the Windsor city council this evening. He has spent portions of several days looking into some of the city accounts and intends to make known his discoveries this evening. "I discovered," said Ald. Watt, "that it cost the city \$78 for the chair which the mayor will occupy at council meetings and it cost \$27 more to provide him with a rest for his feet. If it costs the city \$105 for the mayor to sit down, what will it cost for him to walk around? The furnishings for the city hall will cost nearly \$2,000, and this in the face of a taxation of 27 mills, is about the limit. "I have also unearthed some interesting information regarding the assessments of some of the citizens who are behind the citizens' committee. Some people think that because an alderman votes to pay the city's just debts that he is a robber or something worse, and I intend to show those people where they get off. I for one will also give their representatives a chance to govern next year."—Detroit Free Press.

GLOBE'S EDITOR

Rev. J. A. Macdonald Being Urged to Sacrifice Himself By Contesting West Elgin.

The Liberals of West Elgin are in their usual dilemma to find a candidate who is willing to sacrifice himself in the interests of the corrupt Ross Government. There is no local man possessing ability enough to go up against the popular Conservative member, Finlay Macdonald, who has been again nominated and whose reelection is certain. But the Liberal party feel that they must put up with the semblance of a fight, and it is understood that St. Thomas Liberals have asked Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe and a former pastor of Knox church, to become the Liberal candidate. The mere fact that the Globe man should be asked to interrupt his editorial duties in order to contest a riding shows the desperate condition of the party in West Elgin and in the province. A prominent Liberal told The Times that Mr. Macdonald had not made a reply to the offer of nomination, and he did not believe he would accept. The Conservatives are ready for Rev. Mr. Macdonald or any other candidate who feels that his conscience is sufficiently elastic to condone the election crimes and other iniquities of the Ross Government.

In East Kent there is a somewhat similar condition owing to the throw-down by John Howat of the Liberal nomination. It is given out that Hon. G. W. Ross has been tendered the nomination of the Rossites in the riding in the hope of being able to defeat the people's popular candidate, Phil H. Bowyer. A convention will be held to-morrow in Ridgetown to endeavor to clear away disputes and put a candidate in the field. It is expected that Mr. Ross and Hon. G. P. Graham will be present. It is understood that Ross says that in the event of the convention being unable to secure a local man satisfactory to the executive, he might consent to stand. John Lee's name is mentioned, but it is surprising the number of Liberals who oppose his candidature, stating freely that they believe him a weak man, while others mentioned were also rejected for similar reasons.—St. Thomas Times.

DRESDEN IS NOW IN LINE

Grand Organization Meeting Held in That Town—Prominent Liberals to Support Phil H. Bowyer.

Addresses by the Liberal-Conservative Candidate and His Friends—Willing Workers Selected and Now in Harness.

Special to The Planet.

Dresden, Dec. 21.—A rousing and effective organization meeting in the interests of the popular Conservative standard-bearer, Mr. Phil H. Bowyer, of Ridgetown, was held in Hicks' Hall last night. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock, Mr. J. W. Sharpe being elected chairman by a unanimous vote. The appearance of the candidate, Mr. Bowyer, and Mr. B. W. Willson on the platform together was the signal for a prolonged outburst of enthusiastic applause that clearly showed their popularity with local Conservatives. Dr. Thornton, Dr. Clapp and other prominent Conservatives had seats on the platform. Robert Brandon was unanimously elected secretary of the meeting and of the reorganized Conservative Association, of Dresden.

Mr. B. W. Willson, Conservative candidate in the late Dominion election, made a short address, thanking those present for the support given him and closing with the prediction that his friend Mr. Bowyer would have a substantial majority when the polls closed on Jan. 25th.—Applause. Mr. Bowyer was greeted with three cheers and a tiger, after which he made a capital address, scoring the Ross Government, and stating his well known and long advocated views on important public questions, namely, his opposition to the partisan redistribution bills of both Conservative and Liberal governments, his advocacy of measures to tax all big corporations, railroads, etc., his private individuals are taxed, and his opposition to the system of bonuses and bounties that have become so prevalent.

He declared himself to be a supporter of Mr. Whitney and his splendid platform, although he was not an extreme partisan, and would hold the coming premier to the province responsible for the fulfillment of his promises.

He closed by declaring his prospects in the eastern section of the riding most favorable, urging necessity of systematic organization and earnest work by the committees that were to be appointed. Mr. Bowyer is a clear, forcible and effective speaker, his address being listened to with the most careful attention and liberally punctuated with applause. A most noticeable feature of the meeting was here manifested, namely the presence of several prominent Liberals in the audience, who by their enthusiasm and marked applause clearly demonstrated their united work by the end of the night.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bowyer's splendid speech the work of re-organization was systematically gone about. Committees were appointed, as follows: Executive Com.—Sandy McVean, Dr. W. Clapp, J. B. Carscallen, Sub-Committees—North Ward—Sandy McVean, M. J. Carscallen, J. S. Baker, Thos. Steeper, Capt. John Craig, Albert Baxter, Alfred Walker and Wm. Frisley. Centre Ward—Dr. W. Clapp, John Robinson, Willis Burnett, H. Bishop, Jas. McKim, E. H. DeVer, Angus Gillis and G. E. Weir. South Ward—J. B. Carscallen, Geo. Baker, John Hart, Alex. McClure, Mr. McGregor, Jas. Taylor, Adam George, Wm. Wells, L. Crook, R. Aikin, C. H. Hughes, R. Brandon, and Wm. Hughes.

The executive committee was instructed to secure rooms and to call a meeting of all sub-committees at as early a date as possible to perfect the work of organization and to commence the active work of the campaign.

After a half hour spent in social intercourse and the enjoyment of good cigars, the meeting closed with hearty cheers for Bowyer, Whitney and the King.

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