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Knitted Wool Shawls, made of fine soft wool, in black, cream, grey and opera shades, at 80c to 1.75
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Black and Ivory Lace Robes, containing all necessary to make the gown, special at \$12.00, \$22.50
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Waist Lengths

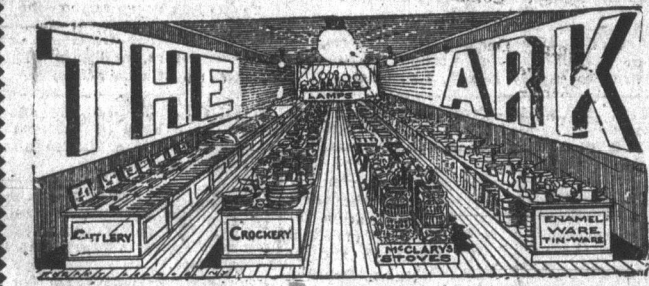
Fancy silk waist lengths, in every pretty color combination, at a length, \$4.00 and 5.00

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THE TRADE IN EARS.

Man Who Sold One Buys Another From a Miner.
Ironwood, Mich., Dec. 5.—That the man who sold his car for \$5,000 and a western millionaire will make \$4,000 and have two ears when he gets through has developed from the visit to Dr. C. A. Stebbins of this city of a Hungarian miner from Hurley, Wis. The miner has a letter from the man who sold his car, offering him \$1,000. The miner wanted to know if the operation would be dangerous, and said he would undergo it when told it was safe.

POOL ROOM CASE COLLAPSED.

The Crown Attorney Could Secure No Evidence.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—The case against Mr. Frank Baby, the President of the Recreation Club, was dismissed yesterday by Magistrate Elms. The abrupt termination of the case for the Crown was due to a ruling by the Magistrate that no evidence against the club could be received unless the defendant, Mr. Baby, was directly connected with the transaction. Under the statute a company such as the Recreation Club, which cannot be proceeded against in a Magistrate's court, Mr. Baby was charged directly with keeping a common betting house, and Mr. E. P. B. Johnston, K.C., who appeared for him, raised the objection that evidence of betting on the premises of the club could only be received when it was established that his client had cognizance of it. The court agreed with the view of the chief counsel for the defendant, and Mr. H. H. Dewar, K.C., Crown attorney, who made admissions from the witnesses, was barred by the ruling. At the conclusion of the case the Magistrate said that there was a proper court for the trial of the company, and that the act expressly made provision for it. It was reason for belief that the law was being broken in the Recreation Club, some steps might be taken to have its charter annulled.

TWENTY-SIX TO SIX.

Montreal Council Rejects Street Railway Franchise Extension.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—The City Council, by a vote of twenty-six to six, defeated a by-law proposed by Ald. Couture to grant the Montreal Street Railway Company an extension of twenty years in its present franchise. As no offer had been received from the company, the Council refused to entertain any proposition for an extension.

Until December 15th connection will be made at Blenheim Junction on Tuesdays and Fridays with train leaving Chatham at 10.30 a. m. for Rond Eau.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Thursday, December 10

Billy Clark's MONARCH MINSTRELS

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New Songs—New Jokes.
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DR. SUTHERLAND HOMP.

GREAT WEST NEEDS ANOTHER TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE.

Rapid Development of the Country—Danger of Going Too Fast—Foreign and Half-breed Population.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Secretary of the Methodist Church, who spent the month of November in the northwest, holding conventions and addressing meetings on behalf of Methodist missions, has returned, full of enthusiasm respecting the northwest empire, as he styles it. The rapid increase of population, and the corresponding developments in agriculture, manufactures and commerce, fill every visitor with astonishment, and make one hesitate to set any limit to the progress of the country in the near future. "The naked prairie of one year is a thriving farming community the next," said Dr. Sutherland. "Villages start up as if by magic, and many of them expand into towns, with hand-some churches, commodious schools, electric lights, and telephones, and other appliances of modern civilization, with a rapidity that is bewildering. Everywhere there is growth, movement, expansion, enterprise, and a spirit of buoyant confidence as regards the future that is practically infectious."

Dr. Sutherland sounds a warning note against the danger of overdoing things in some directions. Rapid growth in the towns has sent up prices of real estate beyond all reason. As a typical instance, in a town of perhaps 6,000 inhabitants a lot on the business street, which sold a few years ago for three or four hundred dollars, was recently sold for \$300 a foot frontage. Another lot which could not be sold three or four years ago at any price was recently bought by a mercantile firm for \$25,000. And so it goes. A boom of this sort cannot last forever, and when hard times come, as come they will, they have loaded themselves with real estate for speculative purposes will be buried in the grave of their own greed, and legitimate progress will be checked for years. The typical present is, on an ascending scale—rents, wages, household supplies, building materials, everything, perhaps, except fixed salaries, which, for the most part, show little or no improvement.

"What have the people to say about the new transcontinental railway?" "Very little. They take it as a matter of course. Another through line is a necessity if the needs of the country are to be met. The people accept the ultra party men, who try to make party capital out of it—regard it as a pure business proposition. Should the Canadian Northern maintain its independence, and put the line at no distant day we shall have three transcontinental lines within Canadian territory. The Canadian Pacific is putting forth herculean efforts to meet the demands of the hour, but both main line and branches are congested, and the rolling stock is over-taxed.

"The religious outlook is most hopeful and encouraging. Not a few people in Ontario and eastward have been under the impression that the western population, for the most part, had little regard for Sabbath or sanctuary, and that prevailing conditions might be expressed in the language of an American cowboy, who remarked: 'There ain't no Temperance Societies west of the Mississippi.' As applied to our northwest this is a great mistake. The English-speaking people, as a whole, prize the Sabbath and its associations, and no sooner is a community formed than they set about securing the privileges of church and school."

PRESENT TO LIPTON.

Gift of a Silver Service From the United States.

New York, Dec. 5.—A silver service consisting of twenty pieces, the gift of the American people to Sir Thomas Lipton will be forwarded by the Eturia to-day to the United States Ambassador in London, under cover of instructions from the American Department of State. Lindsay Russell of New York goes to London by the same steamer as a representative of the American people. The presentation commission has been formed in London, and a dinner, at which General and Mrs. Russell will preside, has been arranged for Friday, December 12, to which all prominent Americans abroad and Englishmen interested in Anglo-American relations, will be invited. The presentation commission consists of Sir Thomas Lipton, Baronet, K.C.V.O., who by his good tempered spontaneity, his generosity to the families of American soldiers, and his hospitality to Americans at home and abroad, has contributed much to our Anglo-American friendship.

CANADA TRUE AS STEEL.

LORD STRATHCONA DELIVERS A STIRRING ADDRESS.

Lord Aberdeen Said the Loyalty of the Dominion is Spontaneous—London Financial News Thinks Mr. Farrer's Article Should Hasten Preference.

London, Dec. 5.—Lord Strathcona, speaking at the banquet of the Edinburgh Merchant Company last night, said that thirty-three years ago Canada was the first nation born within the empire, a nation then, and now, true as steel to the motherland. In ten years the population of Canada would be doubled and they would be able to send to Britain every pound of breadstuff the country needed. So conscious of this were the Americans that in the last three years more than 100,000 of them had gone to the northwest and Canadians had no misgiving as to the loyalty of these American settlers. McGill and Toronto Universities were as good as any in the motherland, Britain, he said, must not show indifference to the colonies. To what extent each power, will participate in the organization of an international gendarmerie to be formed for the preservation of the order and which power will be placed in supreme command of the gendarmerie as well as make settlements, must be settled by negotiations between the powers. This proposal of the two powers dissipates the apprehension which has prevailed in diplomatic circles on the continent that Russia and Austria were arranging a settlement of the Macedonian question in a way to insure their own interests. According to the information obtained by the Associated Press, the powers will then meet in the appointment of a Christian Governor of Macedonia.

While it is intended that the Christians shall be protected, there is also a determination that equal protection shall be accorded to the Mussulmans. All the powers concerned are anxious to settle the difficulties in the Balkans, so that they can no longer menace the peace of Europe. It is believed that identical treaties with those obtained in Crete are likely to follow from the enforcement of a similar policy in Macedonia. At first a large force was sent to Crete, but at present there are not more than 1,600 men there, representing the Governments of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy.

PROPOSAL OF THE POWERS.

INTERNATIONAL GENDARMERIE FOR MACEDONIA.

To Check Attempts at a New Uprising and Consequent War Between Bulgaria and Turkey.

London, Dec. 5.—The Associated Press learns that in order to prevent another Macedonian uprising in the spring, attended by unspeakable horrors and the danger of a war between Turkey and Bulgaria as a consequence, Russia and Austria have proposed to the other powers that immediate steps be taken to put into operation a plan which in its general outline resembles that now enforced in Crete. This proposal is the result of the acceptance in principle by the Sultan some days ago of the Russo-Austrian note concerning reforms in Macedonia, which was submitted to the Porte after the recent conference between Czar Nicholas and Emperor Francis Joseph. To what extent each power, will participate in the organization of an international gendarmerie to be formed for the preservation of the order and which power will be placed in supreme command of the gendarmerie as well as make settlements, must be settled by negotiations between the powers. This proposal of the two powers dissipates the apprehension which has prevailed in diplomatic circles on the continent that Russia and Austria were arranging a settlement of the Macedonian question in a way to insure their own interests. According to the information obtained by the Associated Press, the powers will then meet in the appointment of a Christian Governor of Macedonia.

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REPLY ALMOST READY.

Russia's Answer, it is Hoped, Will Please Japan.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—Russia's reply to Japan's proposals is almost completed, but will not be ready for transmission to Tokio till next week. A strong hope is expressed in official circles that the answer will prove acceptable to Japan in the main, if not in all the details. Russia will make concessions, but in turn, proposes modifications, which, it is said, will not be of a radical character. It is reiterated that the present state of the negotiations is confined to a determination of the general question relating to the rights of the respective powers in Korea. The Czar and the Foreign Office have freely consulted Vlady Alexieff in the preparation of the reply. While it is not admitted that the meeting of the Japanese Parliament on December 8th has hastened the matter, there has been unusual activity at the Foreign Office for several days.

SUICIDE AT KINGSTON.

Benjamin Case Quarrels With Wife, Then Uses a Razor.

Kingston, Dec. 5.—Yesterday a young man named Benjamin Case of Gananoque, a laborer in the locomotive works, cut his throat with a razor and will die. He lived with a woman supposed to be his wife and another man claimed her. A row ensued and John McCullough was arrested for creating a disturbance. Case and his supposed wife quarrelled, and Case this morning made a most successful attempt to end his life.

HOT BATH FOR TYPHOID.

Little Girl the Subject of a New Form of Treatment.

New York, Dec. 5.—A despatch to The Herald from London says:—At the London Hospital there is a little girl with typhoid fever who is undergoing an unusual method of treatment. For five days past the patient, who is only five years old, has been kept in a bath of hot water. She lies on water pillows and her body is entirely under the water, which is kept at a constant temperature of 101 degrees by an arrangement of hot and cold water entering the mixing cistern, from which it flows into the bath and thence out by a pipe. In the five days the child's temperature has fallen from 105 to 101 degrees, but the crisis has yet to come. At least three weeks must be spent in the bath before the disease can be shaken off. Some years ago at the London Hospital a man was kept immersed for six weeks and recovered.

URGENT MEETING

The non-commissioned officers of the 24th Kent Regiment are requested to meet Monday evening in the mess rooms over the Merchants' Bank on most important matters. All the non-coms are urged to be present, as it will be the last meeting for Sergeant-Major Geo. E. Embley.

FOUR CHINAMEN DROWNED.

Were Being Smuggled From Canada Into Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Four of eleven Chinamen, who were being smuggled into the United States from Canada, were drowned in the Erie Canal at the foot of Breckenridge street a few minutes after 6 o'clock this morning. Who they were has not been learned, as to the other seven, although in custody, are unable to talk English. The accident was due to the breaking of the tongue of a big covered wagon in which the Chinamen were being transported from the landing place, just below the foot of Breckenridge street. The horses were freed when the pole broke and the big wagon laden with human beings rolled zig-zagging down a hill into the canal. According to the reports of the affair received by the police, the seven Chinamen, who escaped with their lives, jumped out of the wagon when the accident occurred. Four, however, got no opportunity to jump and were drowned. The driver of the wagon and another white man who was with him escaped. The only witnesses of the accident were workmen some distance away. They went to the rescue, but were too late. One body has been recovered.

The surviving Chinamen were locked up on a charge of being illegally in the United States. Through an interpreter they made a startling charge against the smugglers who brought them over to Canada. They said the dumping of the wagon into the canal was part of a deliberate plot to drown the whole party. They had paid the smugglers to bring them safely into the United States, and also had advanced money to pay their fare to Chicago. They believe that the smugglers intended to saw with them and pocket the money advanced for their railroad fares.

A GALLANT DEED.

How a Submarine Torpedo Boat Was Saved.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—The United States naval tug Peoria, towing the submarine torpedo boat Adler, has arrived at the navy yard here. The submarine boat Moccasin is ashore at Currituck, and appears to be only slightly damaged. The Adler was saved during Thursday's storm by the heroic efforts of Boatswain Derry, who responded to a call for volunteers and swam 100 yards with a line to the Adler from the tug and pulled a hawser after him. A thirty-four mile gale with continuous seas was crashing over the Peoria and burying the drifting submarine boats beneath tons of water. Derry, with a slender line fastened around his waist plunged into the ocean and battled with the waves for a side for a tax hundred yards, finally reaching the Adler and gaining her deck. There he hauled the thick hawser aboard by means of the life line and made it fast. Then he went back to the tug hand over hand on the hawser.

BASIS FOR NEW TAX BILL.

Assessment Committee Agree on Some Principles.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Before preparing for a fortnight or so, the special Assessment Committee held a discussion yesterday afternoon, which indicates that enough of the new assessment bill will be adopted to greatly simplify and improve the present law. The Chairman, Hon. J. M. Gibson, proposed that the new system be comprised of the three following sources: (1) Real estate; (2) business assessment, and (3) income. This leaves out of account the old personality tax, the proposed new house tax, which was condemned as having a bad name, and not being desirable to any great extent, and for the franchise tax, which the new bill called for, there will probably be a tax on the gross revenue of the corporations which it would have affected. Another idea was to assess the telephone company at the general rate at so much per mile in rural districts. In the cities their real estate and a percentage of their gross income would be the only basis of assessment. The exemption of machinery in general was favored by many, but it was recognized that there were difficulties in the way of carrying that out.

A TOOL OF SAM PARKS.

Timothy McCarthy Sent to Penitentiary for Extortion.

New York, Dec. 5.—Timothy McCarthy, the walking delegate of the Housewives and Bridgemen's Union, who was convicted of extortion, was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. In sentencing McCarthy, who was found guilty of extorting \$200 from the Loebel Andrews Company to settle a strike, Recorder Goff said that, in his opinion, McCarthy was simply the tool of Sam Parks, and that he took this into consideration in the sentence.

Hamilton Paper Sued for Libel.

Hamilton, Dec. 5.—Mr. J. Bidwell Mills, who has been issued a writ against The Herald Printing Company for \$20,000 damages for alleged libel. The writ was issued and served by J. Bidwell Mills personally.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Count Von Ballestern was re-elected President of the German Reichstag. A protest has been entered against the return of Dr. A. A. Mahaffy in Muskoka.



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Dolls—From 1c. to \$6.50 each.
Hooky Sticks—From 10c to 15c, celebrated King Stick, 50c.
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REGRET LOSS

New Market Church Deploras Departure of Minister for Maple City Pastorate

The Newmarket Era says:—The announcement on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, that he had received the unanimous call of the First Presbyterian Church at Chatham, was received with mingled feelings of regret and gladness. Regret that this congregation was likely to lose such a general favorite and spiritual adviser, but glad that one they had learned to esteem, had been counted worthy to be promoted to such an important charge.

Let's go and have a drink, Smithers. No, I've just sworn off this week for a host. Why, what are you feeling? Myself. As long as I find I can stop I won't stop. But as soon as I find I can stop I will stop.

—Barnes, No one funds to Office, week, oppo, M. V. Scam.

Christ Slipp

Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

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