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February Carpet and Wall Paper Sale

Commencing on Thursday, Feb. 1st and Continuing Throughout the Month

As usual in February just before the arrival of our immense Spring importations of Carpets and Rugs, we make very special offers to early buyers.

Great Reductions in

**Brussels Carpets
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January Sale of Men's and Women's Fine Shoes...

Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Fine Shoes is now on. Note the prices.

6 Pairs of Men's Velour Calf, Blucher, regular \$4.50, sale..... **\$3.50**

17 Pairs of Just Wright, Patent Colt Boots, reg. \$5.00, Sale..... **\$4.00**

19 Pairs Men's Box Calf Lace Boots, Bal. or Blucher styles, regular \$3.50 for **\$3.00**

17 Pairs Men's Patent Colt Blucher Shoes, regular \$4.00 for..... **\$3.50**

SEE WINDOW THIS WEEK.

ALL REGULAR SHOES SOLD AT 10 PER CENT. OFF

TURRILL

THE SHOE MAN

CATTLE THIEF IS CAUGHT

Alex. Hammer Who is Wanted in Kent, Arrested in Galt.

Was a Partner of Robert Miller, and a Leader of a Notorious Gang Who Operated in This County

Alex. Hammer, a noted cattle thief, has been arrested in Galt. He is wanted in Chatham and will probably be brought here to answer for some of his actions in Kent County. Hammer is a companion and brother-in-crime of Robert Miller, who was sent down some time ago from Chatham for cattle stealing. His brother is now serving time in Kingston for a similar offense.

The following despatch refers to the man for whom Detective Rogers holds a warrant for cattle stealing in Kent:

Galt, Jan. 29.—Alex. Hammer, alias "Jones," alias any number of other cognomens, is locked up in Galt police cells tonight. In him the police believe they have the leader of a notorious cattle and sheep stealing gang.

The credit of the capture, which means a great deal to the peace of mind and to the pockets of the farmers of the province, belongs to Chief Gorman, who has been shadowing the man for weeks past, under the suspicion that he was following some pursuit that would be worth investigating from a police viewpoint. The prisoner is a young man 26 years of age, tall, well-made and fashionably dressed. He has a swarthy face, features fine cut and eyes dark and piercing. His address is good. He would be about the last man to be picked out from a crowd as a cattle thief.

But that such he is, there is abundant testimony to establish, say the police. And no common casual operator of this class, either, but a skilled, persistent and clever "fifer," whose work has been going on for a long time, who has gathered together a fat bank account, and who is wanted all over this province on charges of stealing cattle, sheep, turkeys, geese and other property of farmers.

GOOD LECTURE

Ralph Parlette Entertains a Large and Delighted Audience at The Grand

For two full hours Ralph Parlette held his audience at the Grand last night with his oration on "The University of Hard Knocks."

A Mark Twain in his humor, an Emerson in his philosophy and a Henry Irving in his delivery, Mr. Parlette possesses the power to hold and thrill his hearers, and can deliver from the stage a stronger, a greater, a further reaching and a more palatable sermon, than the pulpit, from the disadvantage of solemn surroundings, can ever yield us. With scintillating wit and powerful oratory, ever turning, ever changing from the joyful to the sad back from the sad to the joyful, he led his audience, last evening, right through the whole course of study in the schools of "Needful and Needless Knocks," quoting from the greatest of books, the "Geography of Human Life," and though he was not dull for one moment, he drove home lessons of duty, lessons of forbearance and of hope, to the hearts of his listeners. And when, toward the end of his lecture he threw his greatest efforts into a vivid and magnificent summary of the moral of "Hard Knocks," his hearers were too spell bound to show their approval and appreciation until the curtain had risen, and then they paid their greatest tribute to him in a storm of applause.

D. S. Paterson, who was instrumental in bringing Mr. Parlette here, is to be highly commended for providing such a treat for Chatham theatre-goers. This was the second number in the Chatham Lecture Course which Mr. Paterson is conducting this year.

LOST BOY

A Well Dressed Child Wandered into Mrs. Longley's House at Noon Today—His Name is Percy

At noon to-day a little boy, dressed in a brown suit and having a red woollen cap on his head, strayed into Mrs. Longley's home on Adelaide St., and informed the occupants of the house that he was lost.

Mrs. Longley, after much persuasion, induced the child to tell his first name, which it said was Percy, but what his surname was the little fellow didn't seem to know. The good lady informed The Planet at two o'clock this afternoon that should she not find out who the child is before this notice appears, Percy's parents will find him safe and comfortable in her care.

PRETTY KETTLE OF FISH

Little Games of Graft Which Someone Tries to Hide.

Letters Read to the Fishery Commission Show Them Up—Mutilated Letter Books Are Offered in Evidence at First Day's Inquiry Into Alleged Irregularities in the Fishery Department—Partizant Spirit.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—What might be called a pretty kettle of fish is being analyzed at the Parliament buildings, where Major J. C. Judd of London is the commission, taking evidence regarding some charges made by James Webster, chief clerk in the department of fisheries, against S. T. Bastedo, deputy commissioner of fisheries, who has been his chief in the department.

The most serious of the allegations made by Webster is that Mr. Bastedo caused letters to be mutilated and torn to remove evidence of improper conduct in the business of his branch, and further, with mutilating, secreting or destroying letters received in the course of business.

Letter books were produced to show that sheets had been torn out of the ordinary books and transferred to a private book. Many other pages of the books had been torn out altogether and were among the missing things. Corners of the pages containing the number had been torn off to make them mysterious, but nothing was brought out to show that Mr. Bastedo had done it, and whether or not somebody did it with felonious intent, is to be decided by the commission.

Mr. Webster has barrister J.E. Jones with him and looking up letter books is their large job so far.

Who Switched the Letters?

Mr. Bastedo has yet to answer to the proofs that letters were switched from one book to another and perhaps he can prove that it was all done under the direction of the minister of the department, who was Hon. Mr. Latchford.

Mr. Bastedo follows the proceedings very closely, and he has legal advisers in L. F. Hellmuth and E. C. Cattenach. No evidence whatever was produced to show by whom the mutilation of books and papers had been ordered, but the books had been tampered with by somebody and many of the sheets sought are in the hands of the commission. It is shown that many minor public officials were active to a very thorough degree in elections and that their efforts were not frowned upon by the department.

As a sample of some of the transferred correspondence disclosed by Mr. Jones, much of which he unnecessarily asked be omitted from publication, was a letter asking an appointment for young Mr. Riddell, whose father of the firm of Hart & Riddell was a valued friend of the party. More letters of similar value were to be found transferred to the private letter book. Missing pages were commented upon and explanations will be forthcoming. Conductor F. W. Cowley of the M.C.E., who was wired from St. Thomas to Niagara, in a letter deplored the fact that Niagara fishermen all voted Conservative because they could not get licenses. He wanted a license for himself, so that he could give it to somebody and thus help himself in his ambitions to become an executive head of the Liberal Party in Lincoln. He wanted to catch a fish in Lake Erie in spring and fall months, while the other fellows could only do it in the summer. He had good credentials of his standing in the party, mentioning the names of Dr. Wilson, A. McCrimmon, Donald McNish, J. M. Glenn, Andrew Grant, P. Stewart, all stalwarts of St. Thomas. A further letter Mr. Cowley admitted that by setting the license he might pick up a little money.

Letters with Mr. Craig of Glenburnie showed that Shibley, who was identified with Mr. Lort in the ballot box informalities down east, had to be consulted as to the government's actions.

The Partizant Spirit.

The partizant attitude of the late government is shown in a letter to G. P. Graham of Brockville, asking for the political faith of Black & Co., bookbinders, Brockville, because the boiler of the Eva Bell was out of repair and a new one might be needed before the season ended.

The name of the denounced Duncan Bole appears in the proceedings, for he got \$40 for something Mr. Webster doesn't think he should have received money for. Other charges of small amounts improperly paid to people are brought out, but not yet substantiated. A letter to M. C. Cameron, Goderich, congratulating him upon his nomination and hoping victory would perch upon his banner, as well as referring to the possibilities of the patronage, was read. Mr. Cameron was recommended to Mr. Bates, the overseer at Goderich, to talk with him.

Mr. Webster claims that in 1902 the sum of \$1428 was paid in refunds, whereas this amount was represented in the report to government by an item showing \$156.

Many letters which had been transferred were read showing that the deceased government was out after all. It could get for the party at any time. The investigation will be resumed at 10 o'clock this morning.

Boy Crushed by Street Car.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—George Liddiard, 16 years of age, residing with his parents at 2271-2 Brock avenue, was seriously injured in a street car smash at Queen and Clarence streets while returning from work at 4:30 last night. The boy was on the rear platform of a car when a Dundas car following struck it. He fell through the chain space on to the fender of the Dundas car and was crushed against the bumpers. One thigh is fractured and there are internal injuries.

Ernest Richards, of the C. B. C. teaching staff, spent Sunday at his home in Bothwell.

TROUBLES OF A SINGER

Anson Tschirhart's Sweet Tenor Voice Won the Heart of Rich Detroit Maiden

Popular Vocalist Receives \$1,200. in Presents but Returns Them—Young Woman Will Not Give Him Up

Miss Hattie Bender, a tall, good-looking, blonde-haired girl of a little over 20, sister of the late August Bender, whose insurance claims are still in the courts, and possessor, and his heir and in other ways, of several thousand dollars, is the complainant in a warrant sworn out against Anson Tschirhart, 1091 Field avenue. Tschirhart is a road estate dealer and singer in the choir of Mary Palmer Memorial Methodist Episcopal church. Miss Bender says she was engaged to marry him. Miss Bender charges Tschirhart with larceny of \$50. Friends say that her acquaintance of about four years has cost her something like \$1,200 in presents.

Miss Bender and Mr. Tschirhart became acquainted, so friends say, while the latter was singing for the Foresters of America, of which order Miss Bender's brother was an officer. The attachment continued until this winter, when it was broken off by Tschirhart, who denied that he had ever meant anything more than friendship.

Mr. Tschirhart was not at home yesterday afternoon.

"What a warrant out for Anson!" exclaimed his mother. "Why, I can't believe it. She charges him with larceny? I know that is not true, for Anson sent back everything that she gave him. She was always making him presents—knick-knacks, toilet articles, books, everything you could think of—and they made a cart-load. Anson never would take a thing that was not his. This thing will hurt his career. He is just establishing himself in business and in a musical way, and nothing could do him more harm.—Detroit Free Press.

Mr. Tschirhart, the young man mentioned in the above article, is well known in this city as a promising young tenor singer. He is a distant relative of Frank Tschirhart, of this city, whom he has visited several times.

GREAT LUCK

Iowa Man Found \$1,200. in Bills, in an Old Table When Facing Hunger

Des Moines, Ia., January 28.—Driven to desperation for fuel, Charles Wrightman resorted to breaking up the furniture of his home only to discover a nest fortune hidden between dusty boards.

He took first an old kitchen table and had nearly finished demolishing it when a musty package rolled out. The contents consisted of \$1,200 in well-preserved bills.

Mr. Wrightman cannot conceive how the bills came there unless they were hidden before he purchased the table second-handed many years ago.

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We have a splendid one which we sell at \$1.50. If you ask for a low-priced shoe we'll show that first. Then you can go higher if you want, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, or \$4.

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