

Men's Dress at the Races

Gentlemen generally are waking up to the fact that fashion dictates that all forms of social events have each their distinctive garb, and whether it be indoors or out of doors there must be more than an attempt at conformity to its dictates, and this fact accounts in a great measure for the many becomingly racy garments which will be in evidence at the Woodbine during the O.J.C. meeting, commencing to-morrow; to whatever credit and pride there is in its being so

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The Rossin Block, Toronto, is justly entitled to a good share. He has been giving very special care to the designing of and suggesting correct garments for such important social events and has made a special point of educating men out of the incongruities in dress which in former seasons have been so apparent. Visitors to the races recognize the master hand in this celebrated "draperie" and, as in all race seasons, Mr T. is favoured with generous orders from out of town people. The stock of fine woollens, in most exclusive patterns, recommends itself this season, and there is a cordial welcome to inspect them

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Mercantile Summary.

FOLLOWING two demands of assignment, Messrs. A. P. McLaurin & Co., lumber dealers at Lachine, Que., lately reported embarrassed, have finally assigned to the Court, and liabilities are filed as amounting to \$64,521.

THE Government of Prince Edward Island has issued an order, closing the public offices at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, during the summer months. This is a commendable move, in the opinion of the Summerside Journal, which urges that all the stores of the town might well be closed at say 6 o'clock every evening, Saturday excepted, during the summer.

IN order to keep pace with the growing trade between Boston, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, it has been decided to place on the route this summer the 5,000-ton steamship "La Grand Duchesse," just launched, for the Plant line at Newport News. She is a well-appointed vessel, built of steel, and her dimensions are 404 feet long over all, 380 feet between perpendiculars, 47 feet 9 inches beam, 37 feet 4 inches deep from top of deck to base line.

By the middle of June, or thereabout, a fast train is to be put on the trans-continental route of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is expected to and will reduce the time between Montreal and Vancouver to about one hundred hours. It will be styled the "Imperial Limited." The hour of departure from Montreal will be 9.30 a.m., and Toronto about eight hours later. Vancouver and Victoria will be reached on the fourth day out from Montreal. A fast train on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, to which a through sleeper will be attached to Kootenay Landing, will make this alternate route to these gold fields a quick one.

ONE of the oldest merchants of Montreal, long connected, too, with the trade of Ontario, died last week at the great age of 93 years, in the person of Mr. James Roy. Born in Dunfermline, Scotland, in 1806, he came to Canada as a young man, and commenced the dry goods business in Muir's building, Notre Dame street, about 1832. Later he was joined by his brothers, the elder, William, going into the firm in Montreal, which was carried on under the title of J. & W. Roy. A younger brother, Robert, went to Hamilton, Ont., where the style of the firm was R. & J. Roy. A branch was also established at Brantford under the charge of Mr. Ebenezer Roy. In the early forties, the Montreal business was made entirely wholesale, and removed to St. Paul street, and afterwards Notre Dame street. Altogether, Mr. Roy was in business as a successful dry goods merchant in that city for over fifty years. He retired about twenty years ago. The deceased gentleman was a sound business man, but he was something more. He had a well-stored mind and was fond of literature, which he had cultivated with success. He leaves behind him kindly memories in the minds of a large circle of relatives and friends.

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