

British Columbia Politics.

Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, of British Columbia, who, some 25 years since, went from Dresden, Ont., to that Province, has had the unique distinction during his two years incumbency of his high office, of having dismissed two ministries, and caused two crises in the management of public affairs.

The first occasion for his exercise of the power was when he dismissed the Turner Ministry, eighteen months ago. At that time Lieutenant-Governor McInnes took the ground that his Ministers had lost the confidence of the Legislature, and that some of its members had been guilty of misrepresenting the proceedings with regard to certain warrants, which had been issued for the raising of money. When Lieutenant-Governor McInnes dismissed Mr. Turner, he did not send for the leader of the Opposition, but for Mr. Beaven, who had previously been Premier of the Province, but who had been defeated in the elections then just over. Mr. Beaven failed to form a Cabinet, and Mr. Semlin formed a Government. He took Hon. Joseph Martin, who had removed to British Columbia from Manitoba, into his Cabinet, and the new Administration got along moderately well till last summer when, after Mr. Martin's "break" at a Rossland dinner—an episode which has never been fully explained—there was a falling-out between the Premier and Mr. Martin, and the latter was compelled to leave the Cabinet.

No doubt the retirement of Mr. Martin from the Semlin Ministry weakened it, because, though the "stormy petrel" has many enemies in public life, he has not a few friends. He found, for a time, new adherents, who were anxious to use him to wreck the Semlin Administration. They had little love for Mr. Martin; but they had less for the Cabinet. It had been the means of passing the eight-hour bill and other measures that were held by many to be inimical to the progress of British Columbia, and it was with special delight that the opponents of these measures welcomed the assistance of Mr. Martin into the camp of the malcontents.

There were stormy times when the Legislature assembled last month; there were one or two desertions from the Government's none too large working majority; and early divisions, in which it was shown that the Government held office by a very slim thread, were gladly forced by the Opposition. The Government brought down a redistribution bill, and it was beaten by 19 to 18, among the 19 being the Hon. Jos. Martin. The Premier held a conference with his followers, and with some members who had been acting with the Opposition because of certain objectionable features in recent legislation, and the result was that, though thus defeated by one majority, the Premier was able to announce that he could command a majority in the House, and was therefore able to continue in the government of the country.

The Lieutenant-Governor, however, sent the Premier and his colleagues about their business, and called in Hon. Joseph Martin to form a Ministry. The members of the Legislature, almost unanimously, resented this summary method of dealing with them, and passed a resolution of no confidence in Mr. Martin. The Lieutenant-Governor, however, paid no attention to this censure, but, in an almost empty House, prorogued the Legislature, and thus permitted Mr. Martin to proceed with the forming of a new Ministry. He is finding it a far from easy task, and at last accounts had not been able to complete it.

There has been much criticism of the course of the Lieutenant-Governor, and it has been suggested by some that his acts were so arbitrary that he should be recalled by the Dominion Government. Those who suggest such a course forget that we are under constitutional government. The conduct of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes may not meet with general approbation, but there can be no doubt that he was entirely within his rights when he dismissed his advisers. Such a course, however, ought not to be lightly adopted by any governor. He runs a great risk when he chooses to set aside those commanding a majority of the representatives of the people. But when a Lieutenant-Governor so acts, there is always the court of ultimate appeal—the electors of the Province. Mr. Martin, or some one else, if he fails, must appeal at an early date to the people of British Columbia. If the Prime Minister, so designated, so commends himself to the majority of the electors, the Lieutenant-Governor will have fair sailing, for it will be shown that he has ministers, accepting the responsibility of his acts, who have the confidence of the people. But if Mr. Martin, or any one else, so chosen by Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, fails to secure the support of a majority of those returned at the polls, then the duty of the Lieutenant-Governor would be to recall his former advisers, and take advice from them. If Hon. Mr. McInnes failed to send for Mr. Semlin, then it might be incumbent on the Dominion Government to deal with him as the imperial Government has dealt with Colonial Governors under like circumstances. It might recall him. This outcome is what Hon. Mr. McInnes has, for the second time, risked. It will be interesting to watch how it all comes out.

From a Dominion point of view, this struggle is of little account, as the British Columbia Provincial political parties have never been formed on the lines of national politics. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, who now lives in Vancouver, has been trying to have the Province divide on Dominion lines in local affairs, but he has met with small success in converting even his own party friends to this view.

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# The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

## ANNIVERSARY SALE

Phone 1046.

In addition to the Anniversary Sale list the following irresistible Bargains will be put on Friday. We have made every preparation to make this the biggest Friday we ever had, and you have got to be on hand right early to secure a share of what's going.

**This Sale Will Continue for 10 Days. Fresh Bargains Put on Each Morning.**

### Ladies' Whitewear.

Slightly discolored by smoke. One-third and one-half off our finest Gowns and Skirts. Skirts from \$1 45 to \$5—one-half and one-third off. Gowns from \$1 50 to \$3 50 each—one-half off.

#### PARTICULARS:

2 only White Cambric Skirts, umbrella frill, 2 rows fine insertion, trimmed with 4-inch Valenciennes lace; regular \$2 50, Friday, each, \$1 50  
1 only, Fine Nainsook Muslin Skirt, double pointed frill, handseam, trimmed with lace, \$5, Friday \$3 50  
2 only, Skirts, fine cotton, wide embroidery and insertion; flounce of 6-inch embroidery, regular \$2 00, Friday, each, \$1 25  
3 only, Skirts, deep frill of embroidery, 2 rows insertion, very fine Skirt at \$1 65, Friday, each, 88c  
2 only, Skirts, \$1 45, for, 75c  
1 Skirt, \$1 50, for, 75c  
2 White Skirts, embroidery and insertion, \$1 60, for, each, \$1 00  
3 only, White Skirts, fine cotton,

wide embroidery, insertion, were \$1 50, Friday, each, 75c

#### Gowns

2 only, Nainsook Gowns, Empire style, fine lace and embroidery, regular \$3 50, Friday, each, \$1 75  
1 only, very fine Cambric Gown, trimmed with insertion and embroidery, \$3 50, Friday, each, \$1 75  
1 only, Gown, super cambric, fine embroidery and insertion, 4 rows tucks, regular \$3 00, Friday, \$1 50  
2 only, Fine Gowns, tucked and embroidered, \$2 50, Friday, each, \$1 50  
2 only, Gowns, Swiss embroidery, all-over yoke, Empire style, \$1 75, Friday, each, \$1 00

#### Extra Special

Children's Superfine Stripe Cashmere Hose; German make; fine 2-1 ribbed, sizes 5½ to 8½; prices were 39c to 89c pair; Friday, to clear, pair, 25c

#### Cambric Blouses, 35c

197 Fine Cardinal Cambric Blouses, in sprigs, dots and stripes; warranted fast colors; sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40; worth 75c and 85c; Friday, each, 35c

### Clothing Department.

Boys' Two-Piece Suits, heavy Canadian all-wool tweed and serge, in navy, Oxford gray and brown shades, best trimmings, sizes 22 to 28; regular price \$2 50, \$2 75 and \$3. Anniversary sale price, \$1 90  
Boys' Three-Piece Suits, single-breasted coat, neat vests and knickers, well lined and trimmed, neat check patterns, in brown and gray and navy serge; regular price \$3 50 to \$4. Anniversary sale price, \$2 45  
Men's Suits—Fine all-wool tweed suits, neat patterns, Scotch effects; fit and patterns just right; best Italian linings; all sizes, \$5 to \$42; our regular price was \$9 50, \$10 50 and \$11. Anniversary sale price, \$6 49  
Men's Trousers—Men's heavy all-wool black worsted and gray hair line stripe pants, newest patterns; cut, fit and finish in keeping with our up-to-date methods; regular price \$3 to \$3 50. Anniversary sale price, \$2 45  
Extra Heavy All-Wool Tweed Pants, neat style and check patterns. Special value, \$1 25

#### Men's Furnishings.

Men's White Dress Shirts, heavy cotton, 4-ply linen bosoms, all sizes, 14 to 17½; regular 65c and 75c. Anniversary sale price, 50c  
Men's Cambric Shirts, detached cuffs, neat blue and white stripes and neat checks, Easter styles. Special value, \$1 00  
Men's All-Wool Underwear, medium weight, Scotch finish, ribbed skirt. Just the kind for spring wear; regular price, 75c. The lot of 570 odd garments to clear at, each, 57c  
Fine 4-ply Linen Collars, three shapes, 8 for, 25c  
Men's Fine Ringwood Gloves; regular 25c and 35c, for, per pair, 19c

#### Kid Gloves for 39c.

5½, 6, 6½ only; were \$1, 75c, 50c; black and colors, 39c  
Four only Flannellette Wrappers, \$2 40; finest Wrapperette, lace trimmed, \$1 75  
Full Sweep Skirts \$2 40, for, \$1 75  
Four Wrapperette Wrappers, \$1 75, for, \$1 25  
Seven Black and White Braid trimmed Wrapperette Wrappers, \$1 75, for, \$1 25  
Five only Wrapperette Wrappers, fancy patterns, gray, blue and pink, \$1 50, for, \$1 00  
Seven only Print Wrappers, navy blue and fancy prints, dark; anniversary sale price, \$1 00

#### Silk Blouses—Extra Special.

15 only Plaid Fancy Silk Blouses, all sizes; were \$3 to \$3 75 each, to clear, each, \$1 50

#### Kid Gloves, \$1, for 50c.

Gray and white, 3 clasps, 5½ to 6½.

#### Ladies' Black Cotton Hose 10c Pair.

40 dozen Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, seamless feet, spliced ankles, regular 14, for sizes 8½, 9, 9½, per pair, 10c  
22 dozen Ladies' Black Lisle Finish Cotton Hose, double heels and feet, spliced ankles, sizes 8½, 9, 9½. Anniversary sale price, 25c  
20 dozen Steel Filled Gray Sateen Corsets, lace trimmed, double steel, 6-clasp steel; regular 75c. Anniversary sale price per pair, 48c

#### Corsets, 75c, for 48c Pair.

20 dozen Steel Filled Gray Sateen Corsets, lace trimmed, double steel, 6-clasp steel; regular 75c. Anniversary sale price per pair, 48c

## Anniversary Dress Goods Specials.

Twenty-five pieces Colored Dress Goods—Checks, plain and fancy figured, price 50c and 55c. Anniversary sale price, 25c  
Twenty-nine pieces Colored Dress Goods—Checks, plain and fancy figured goods, also fancy checked, price 60c and 75c. Anniversary sale price, 35c  
Thirty-six pieces Colored Dress Goods—Homespun checks, plain homespun, serges and fancy figured goods; also black and white; all wool goods; price 75c and 90c. Anniversary sale price, 50c

Twenty-five pieces Black Dress Goods, all wool, Priestley's small figured cloth, satin finish, 44-inch, prices, 75c, \$1 00 and \$1 25. Anniversary sale price, 50c  
Twenty pieces Black Figured Mohairs and Black Crepons, beautiful mixed designs for skirts and dresses, prices \$1 00, \$1 25 and \$1 50. Anniversary sale price, 85c  
Fifteen pieces Black Figured Mohairs, large and small raised designs, special for skirts, silk and mohair, prices \$1 25, \$1 50 and \$2 00. Anniversary sale price, \$1 00

Ten pieces Black and Navy Serge, all wool, 42-inch, heavy twill, special for skirts and suits. Special anniversary sale price, 85c and 50c  
Black Homespun Suiting, 64-inch, special weight for skirt and jacket. Extra special anniversary sale price, 75c  
Plain Homespun Suitings, 64-inch, fawn, gray and brown. Special anniversary sale price 75c

### Silks! Silks!

Three hundred yards Blouse Silk in stripes and checks, prices 35c and 50c. Anniversary sale price, 25c  
Four hundred and fifty yards Blouse Silk in taffeta checks and stripes, and Foulard stripes, prices 60c, 65c and 75c. Anniversary sale price, 35c

Five hundred yards Blouse Silk, in taffeta stripes and checks, also Foulard stripes, prices 75c and 85c. Anniversary sale price, 50c  
Black Beau de Soie, plain, reversible, guaranteed dress silk. Prices for anniversary sale as follows:

Special 85c Beau de Soie for 75c  
Special \$1 Beau de Soie for 85c  
Special \$1 25 Beau de Soie for \$1 10  
Special Black Surah Silk—Anniversary sale prices:  
Surah Twills, 50c for, 44c  
Surah Twills, 75c for, 63c  
Surah Twills, 65c for, 56c

### Staple Department.

Plain Pink and Blue Flannel—six, regular price 10c and 12c a yard, anniversary sale price 7c  
Art Denims and Muslins; regular price 10c and 12½c a yard, anniversary sale price, 5c  
Cretonnes and Satens, 10c, 12½c, and up to 25c a yard, anniversary sale price, per yard, 8c  
Best Standard Shirtings; regular price 12½c a yard; sale price, 10c  
Ten-cent Shirtings for, 8c  
Cottonade Moleskin; regular price, 15c, for, 12½c  
Twenty-five-cent Cottonade for 19c  
Best Feather Ticking; regular 25c and 25c a yard. Anniversary sale price, 15c  
Gray Flannels; regular 12½c a yard, for, 8c  
Four pieces Fancy Shirting Flannel; regular price 25c and 30c a yard. Anniversary sale price, 15c

In the Linens.  
Sixty-inch Half-Bleached Table Linen, good value for 32c. Sale price, 22c  
Sixty-inch Best Unbleached Pure Linen Damask; regular 50c for, 35c  
Seventy-two-inch Half-Bleached Table Damask; regular 65c, for, 40c  
Sixty-inch Bleached Satin Finish Pure Linen Damask, worth 90c a yard, selling at 75c  
Sixty-eight-inch Fine Heavy Satin Finish Bleached Damask, all pure linen; worth 95c a yard, for, 75c  
Seventy-two-inch Extra Fine bleached, pure flax; worth \$1 25 a yard, for, 95c  
Damask Lunch Cloths one row of drawn work and fringed; regular 50c, for, 25c  
Linen Huck Towels, large size, and fast borders; worth 85c a pair, for, 25c  
Unstitched Huck Towels; worth 35c each, for, 25c  
Ends of White Cotton, from 5 to 10 yards; regular price 10c and 12½c a yard. Anniversary sale price, 8c  
One thousand six hundred and seventy yards fine even thread, factory or unbleached cotton, 36 inches wide; regular price, 5c. Anniversary sale price, 4½c

One bale Extra Fine Gray Cotton, 4½c  
Two thousand six hundred yards Crum's Best English Prints, 32 inches wide, light, dark and medium patterns, navy, blue, etc., 12½c, for, yard, 8c  
Seven hundred and sixty yards Simpson's Satens, 34 inch checks, with white figure and plaids, 32 inches wide; regular 12½c. Anniversary sale price, yard, 8c  
One thousand six hundred yards, Light Prints and Percales, light blues, grays, 32 and 36 inches wide; regular 10c and 12½c. Anniversary sale price, 6½c  
Forty-inch Apron Muslins, draw edges, fancy patterns; regular 15c. Anniversary sale price, 10c  
Check Muslins and Satin Stripes; regular 8c, 10c and 12½c a yard. Anniversary price, to clear, yard, 6c  
Wrapperettes at 7½c.  
Worth 12½c and 15c a yard; good designs and colors for, 7½c

#### Black Luster Skirts, \$2.

Nine only good quality, silasia linings, velvet bindings, 40 only; were \$3; anniversary sale price, \$2 00

#### Black Serge Skirts, \$2.

Seven only Black Serge Skirts, hinettes lining, velvet bindings, sizes 40 and 42; were \$2 90; anniversary sale price, \$2 00  
Eleven only Ladies' Fawn Capes, spring weight, braided, full sweep; anniversary sale price, each, 75c  
Two Cardigans, 4 Fawn Capes, 1 inches long, full sweep, braided; were \$4, \$1 50 and \$5; anniversary sale, each, \$2 90

### Shoe Department.

Three special assorted lots, Women's and Misses' Button and Laced Boots, not all sizes of each line, but assortment of sizes in the lot. Special Lot No. 1—75 pairs Women's and Misses' Button Boots and Women's Laced Boots, fine Dongola, patent toe cap, medium pointed toes, hand-turn and sewed, flexible soles; sizes from 11 in. missus' to No. 7 in Women's. Our regular price was \$1 50, \$1 75 and \$1 85. Anniversary sale price, 98c  
Special Lot No. 2—38 pairs Women's Fine Dongola Kid, Sewed, Flex and Turn Soles, medium pointed toes, patent tips; regular \$2, \$2 25 and \$2 60. Anniversary sale price, \$1 50  
Special Lot No. 3—30 pairs Men's Buff Whole-Foxed Laced Boots and Dongola Laced Boots, sewed soles; regular price \$1 95 and \$2. Anniversary sale price, \$1 19

#### Tapestry Carpets.

Moving and altering our Carpet Department makes it twice the size. Means dust and dirt. The following special prices during our anniversary sale:  
Tapestry Carpets, special, 23c yard  
Tapestry Carpets, special, 33c yard  
Tapestry Carpets, special, 44c yard  
Tapestry Carpets, special, 58c yard  
ALL REDUCED.

#### Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose.

Double heels and toes, spliced ankles, 8½c, 9c, 9½c, special 35c, or 3 pairs for, \$1 00

#### Ribbons, 25c to 35c, for 15c Yard.

60 ends Fancy Ribbons, all warranted shades, 5 inches wide, pure silk stock, were 25c to 35c per yard. Anniversary sale price per yard, 15c

#### Ribbons, 10c to 18c, for 5c

37 ends Plain Satin, Heavy Gros Grain and Fancy Silk Ribbons; shades of blue, ecru, brown, pink, coral. Anniversary sale price per yard, 5c

#### Blouses, Special, 25c Each.

200 only Blouses, carried over from last season, prints, percales, etc.; were sold at 50c, 65c and 75c each. Anniversary sale price each, 25c

#### White and Cream Laces for 10c Yard.

30 pieces Fine White and Ecru Lace, 4 to 5 inches wide, choice patterns; were 12½c, 18c and 25c per yard. Anniversary sale price per yard, 10c  
37 pieces Fine White and Cream Lace, 2 to 5 inches wide, Valenciennes, Torchon, Dentelle and Nantua Laces; were 8c to 25c. Anniversary sale price per yard, 5c

#### Parasols, 50c.

Ten dozen only Ladies' 22-inch Parasols, strong steel frames, twilled tops, celluloid and fancy wood handles; anniversary sale price, 50c

#### Parasols, \$1.00.

Fifteen dozen only Paragon frames, fine satin da chene and twilled tops, fancy handles, worth \$1 50; anniversary sale price, each, \$1 00

#### Children's Taped Waists

7½ dozen only Children's Taped Waists, buttons for suspenders; were 25c. To clear at, 17c

#### Leather Belts.

10 dozen Leather Belts; were 10c, 15c, 18c. Sale price each, 10c  
5 dozen only Ladies' Leather Belts; were 15c, 18c, 25c. Sale price each, 10c  
37 only Leather and Fanny Belts; were 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c. Sale price each, 15c  
200 Royal Scribblers, to clear out at, each, 15c  
Old Brown Windsor Soap per cake, 1c

#### Cycling Shirt Waist Corsets, \$1.00, for 65c.

4 Sateen, Steel Filled, sizes 21 to 25 only, \$1 for, 65c

#### Super Lace Curtains.

Three and one-half yards long, at per pair, \$3 50, \$4 50 to \$18 00  
LACE CURTAINS.  
2½ and 3 yards long, per pair, 50c  
3 and 3½ yards long, per pair, 75c  
3½ yards long, special, \$1 00  
3½ yards long, special, \$1 25  
3½ yards long, special, \$1 50  
3½ yards long, special, \$2 00

#### White Quilts.

Slightly Soiled Marseilles Quilts—\$2 50 for \$2; \$3 50 for \$2 90; \$3 for \$1 50; \$1 50 for \$1 15.  
6 only extra large size Crochet Quilts, ready for use; regular \$1 25; anniversary sale price, 75c