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is in our dress goods. The most attractive, the best assorted, the most up-to-date stock of black and colored dress goods ever in this store. The trip to the Old Country was taken by our buyer this winter most especially to secure the choicest dress goods shown in the world. The World's market is open to our buyer and with exceptional care and the advantage of being a member of the great Canadian Syndicate he has beyond doubt secured the greatest values ever shown in this city.

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48 inches wide, novel black embroidered crepe, fine colons, crepe de chine, embroidered voiles, fine etamines, unshrinkable grenadines, etc., all the novelty black dress goods from London's West End, in dress lengths, no two alike, extra values at a yard \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00.

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PANIC AMONG THE MINISTERS

Distressing Two Hours For Ross and Colleagues in Legislature.

Horrors of Defeat Stared Them in the Face to the Amusement of the Opposition.

Toronto, March 18.—For two hours this afternoon the Ontario Government were at their wits' ends to save themselves from defeat. A division threatened, and the majority of three was not available. The ministers tried to bully their opponents into dropping their motion, but the Conservatives were obdurate, and despite all the strong language hurled at them from the treasury benches and the pathetic appeals of the Premier they refused to give way. The trouble zone was reached when Dr. Nesbitt moved that the islands in Lake Timagami be not sold, but leased to intending residents, one to each person. As this lake was to be a great summer resort it was important, he said, that the islands should not get into the hands of speculators.

It is well known that many of these islands have already been promised to the faithful friends of the Government; consequently it was not surprising that the Minister of Crown Lands was put up to oppose the motion. He temporized with the matter. They were, as always the case when forced into a corner, giving the matter consideration. Motion had been sent up to report on the islands, and it would be well to wait. These were Mr. Davis' arguments. "Let the honorable gentleman withdraw his motion," he pleaded, "and we will do our best to preserve the interest of the public in connection with the 1,400 or 1,500 islands in this lake."

Dr. Nesbitt refused, much to the surprise of the Premier. It is usual to accept a minister's explanation, he said. He did not believe an acre of land upon the islands would be leased or sold for some months or perhaps a year. Dr. Nesbitt saw the loophole in the Premier's promise. If this resolution were passed there would be no chance of the Government giving the islands away before next session, he said.

All the ministers became very excited when they found the doughty doctor would not budge, and cast anxious glances over the empty seats behind him. The Attorney-General walked up and down, greatly worried. Getting an opportunity, he protested against a motion being forced on the Government in this way on Friday afternoon when it was known it was understood by both sides of the House, that there would be no division. He asked the leader of the Opposition whether the motion was pressed with his consent. Mr. Nesbitt asked for some independent outside advice, such as he had seen in several newspapers.

Mr. Whitney declined to answer. The question was of no importance to the House. He (Mr. Whitney) had no official position in the House, and what he would do as a member would be seen when the vote was taken.

Mr. Harcourt next got up to kill time while the Liberal whips hurried around for their missing men. The Opposition were using "poisoned swords," he declared, "firing on a flag of truce." He appealed from Rip to Rip, and the Philly sober. He asked the leader of the Opposition, "intoxicated with the possibility of getting a snap verdict in a House half full"—laughter—to compel his supporter to withdraw.

While Mr. Harcourt was speaking, Whip Bowman returned, and excitedly informed the Premier that he had done his best, and they were still in a minority. He was ordered to try the down-down vote, and in the meantime the vote would be delayed by speeches. The Minister of Education was instructed to move the adjournment of the debate.

Again the Attorney-General got up and said the Opposition members ought to feel well ashamed of the episode. It was certain that no one else than the member for North Toronto would persevere in such a course. In all his experience he had never heard of a case where a motion was persisted in when the views of the mover were so largely accepted.

Dr. Nesbitt drew attention to the fact that on a motion to adjourn the debate no member was allowed more than ten minutes, according to rules of the House.

The Speaker said the point was correct, but intimated that he would allow the Attorney-General a minute or two longer, owing to interruptions. Having obtained this concession, Mr. Gibson proceeded to denounce Dr. Nesbitt's action as a "cheap, paltry clap-net attempt" to secure an advantage over the Liberal side of the House.

Geo. P. Graham stepped into the breach, and for nine minutes hurled epithets across the floor.

Then, seeing that a tactical blunder had been made in moving the adjournment of the debate, thus restraining the speeches to ten minutes each, Mr. Harcourt withdrew that motion.

Thereupon Dr. Nesbitt promptly moved the adjournment of the House. Premier Ross protested that he was

MAGNIFICENT DEMONSTRATION TO HONOR MACDONALD DAY

Splendid Meeting of Local Liberal-Conservatives Last Evening—Ladies to Conduct the Red Rose Banquet.

—The Whole County Asked to Co-Operate—Distinguished Speakers Invited—Calling of Convention to Nominate Candidate for Legislature.

"To pay reverent and allegiant tribute to the life and work of that greatest of Canadian statesmen; to commemorate the day upon which, with the esteem and love of a proud and mourning nation, he fulfilled the last letter of his immortal patriotic prophecy, 'A British subject I was born; a British subject I will die'; to perpetuate his illustrious memory and to do honor to one whose name is revered by all Canadians irrespective of political affiliations—there could be no more appropriate function than a gathering of his loyal followers in the interest of the great work to which he devoted his life, the grand policy which he enunciated, the national and imperialistic sentiments which he inspired."

And the Liberal-Conservatives of the Maple City, in enthusiastic meeting of the Conservative ladies of Chatham and Kent County. The decorations of the rink will be the dead chieftain's favorite flower and the ladies and gentlemen assisting will wear the emblematic dress.

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start made and the enthusiasm shown that the demonstration would bring together seven or eight thousand people. Mr. Clancy, who was kindly interesting himself in the project at Ottawa, felt assured that a splendid celebration would attend from the Dominion house and Dr. Reame would make arrangements for the Legislature representatives.

Dr. Thornton said the proposed program included a monster procession in the morning, afternoon addresses on the park and a banquet in the rink in the evening. He earnestly suggested that the commemoration of Macdonald Day be made an annual affair in Kent County.

A very happy and delightful innovation has been suggested for the evening. It is proposed that the function shall be known as the Red Rose Banquet and be placed in charge of the Conservative ladies of Chatham and Kent County. The decorations of the rink will be the dead chieftain's favorite flower and the ladies and gentlemen assisting will wear the emblematic dress.

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AN OLD PROGRAM

While Wendell Wilson was repairing a lounge the other day, he came across a program of a Band of Hope entertainment. Prior to the Scott Act, there was a temperance crusade and a Band of Hope was formed in this city, a large number of the children belonging. The entertainment was given in the Temperance Club Rooms, Scane's block, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 17, 1900. The get-in price was five cents.

The program, which was printed on Van Allen's Job Presses, was as follows:—

PART I.
Singing—The Band.
Recitation—Lizzie Wanless.
Recitation—Jessie Reid.
Dialogue—A. Young and M. J. Smith.
Song—Edith and Ethel Roll.
Recitation—Thos. Campbell.
Singing—The Band.
Recitation—Katie Bellamy.
Dialogue—Two girls and three boys.
Recitation—Jennie Kerr.

PART II.
Singing—Six little girls.
Dialogue—Eight boys.
Recitation—Edith Payne.
Recitation—Jessie Martin.
Song—B. D. White and B. D. White.
Dialogue—Fred Reid and A. Northwood.
Recitation—Fred Crofts.
Recitation—Katie Reynolds.
Singing—The Band.

Few of the children on the program are now in this city. Time works wonderful changes.

COAL CASE

J. J. Couzens was assessed \$7 this morning, an amount equal to what Mr. Couzens was taxed. Mr. Couzens says that there is no question about the market scales being right. The teamster first brought the empty wagon and weighed it. He then changed to the sleigh. Mr. Couzens' daughter took the weight of the sleigh from the man and he gave the weight of the sleigh when it had been used before when the weather was very cold. Mr. Couzens weighed the sleigh on its return from the market scales and he found that his scales tallied exactly with Mr. Northwood's weight. Judge Houston advises that the horses should be unhitched when coal is being weighed in future.

In the midst of life we are in debt.

THEIR OBJECTS TO JOIN FLEETS

Vladivostock Squadron has left Port for an Unknown Destination.

Clash at Cheng Cheng—China Said to Have Refused to Recall Troops.

Paris, March 19.—The Petit Parisien's St. Petersburg correspondent cables as follows:—

"I learn from a sure source that the Russian Vladivostock squadron has left port. The officials absolutely refuse to discuss the destination of the squadron. Seventy-two hours have passed since the ships left Vladivostock."

THREATENS CHINA.

London, March 19.—Again there is no news from the far east printed in this morning's papers, with the exception of vague rumors of unsuccessful attempts of the Port Arthur and Vladivostock fleets to join hands.

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, has renewed his protest against the dispatch of Chinese forces outside the great wall, and intimated that unless they were withdrawn Russia may be compelled to act on the assumption that China is abandoning her neutrality in favor of Japan. The minister is also reported to have renewed his threat that on the slightest movement on China's part Russian troops will march on Peking. It is understood that in reply to this the correspondent adds, China refused to recall her troops.

FIGHT ON CHENG CHENG.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—Under today's date Viceroy Alexieff cables to the emperor from Mukden as follows:—

"Gen. Michtchenko reports that Ping Yang is occupied by Japanese infantry with some guns, and that Korean carts are carrying their supplies. The enemy's cavalry is not visible in large bodies, and only isolated horsemen are seen. Their horses are poor."

"Our patrols discovered the presence of the enemy's infantry on the banks of the Cheng Cheng river, five versts—about 3-1/2 miles—from Pingju. The enemy opened fire and killed one of the horses."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Paris, March 18.—The Petit Parisien's St. Petersburg correspondent sends a mere rumor to the effect that Vice Admiral Stark, who has been relieved of the command of the fleet at Port Arthur, ostensibly on account of ill-health, has attempted to commit suicide. There is no confirmation of this rumor from any other source.

LEGAL VOTING

It Will Be Tested in the Scrutiny of Blenheim Ballots by Judge Bell on the 31st inst.

Application was made to-day before His Honor Judge Bell for a scrutiny of the ballots cast in the recent vote in the local option by-law in Blenheim. As previously noted in the Planet, J. M. Pike, of the firm of Wilson, Pike & Gundy, to-day made application to Judge Bell for a scrutiny and His Honor fixed the date for Thursday, March 31.

This is the first time that a scrutiny of ballots has been asked for under this act. Scrutiny of ballots has a much wider scope than in a recount and the Judge possesses much greater power. The effect of the scrutiny will be to determine once for all the validity of the local option by-law passed in Blenheim. It was carried by a majority of six and the liquor men claim that some 40 voted who had no legal right to vote. This possibility is said to have arisen by reason of an agreement entered into between Wm. O'Brien, on behalf of the hotel keepers, and Riv. G. B. Brown, on behalf of the Temperance workers to the effect that the right to vote of any person, whose name appeared on the voters' list would not be questioned. This practically meant that no voter would be sworn. A non-resident, who had no legal right to vote, could cast his ballot and a man who had received \$5 could do likewise without even being challenged.

There is some doubt as to whether a man on the voters' list was duly qualified to vote or not. The impression, however, among legal men seems to be that he has.

H. D. Smith, Crown Attorney, appeared for the Temperance people. The Rev. G. B. Brown, of the Temperance party, William Henry, Mayor of Blenheim, and Councillor J. H. Ferguson were also present.

Wm. Holdaway has purchased Wm. Bennett's 700 acre farm on the Harwich-Howard Townships, for \$8,000. Mr. Bennett has bought 50 acres of land on the 8th concession, Raleigh, and will move there this spring—Ridgetown, Demion.

WALL PAPER



We have succeeded in securing for our customers this season the choicest goods and largest assortment of wall paper in the trade, and as we do the largest wall paper business in the city, let it be reasonable to suppose that we buy in the largest quantities and get the best discounts, and can therefore sell cheaper than smaller dealers. When we say we have the largest and finest stock of wall paper in the city and sell at the lowest prices, we mean it. We do not make that large claim carelessly. We are absolutely sure of our ground. We can readily prove it and are always glad of the opportunity to do so. Really we think we are pardonable for boasting about our wall paper. Samples are now ready. Call and look them over. It is a pleasure for us to show the new goods; they are so beautiful.

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