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## GREAT COTTON VALUES

Cottons at old prices would be a bargain—Cottons at less than old prices would be a great bargain—and that is just what we have got to offer you.

Fine Long Cloths and Cambrics, Pillow Cottons and Sheetings on sale this week at great bargains—an opportunity for you to buy your Spring needs at a big saving.

### COTTONS

Yard wide fine white long cloth, extra soft finish, regular 12½c, a yard, on sale for,.... 11c  
Yard wide fine bleached cotton, even weave and serviceable, regular value 10c, a yard, on sale for..... 8c  
Yard wide Horrocks' fine long cloth, regular 16c, value for..... 13c  
Yard wide fine heavy cotton, pure bleached, cambric finish, value 12½c, a yard, on sale for 10c

### COTTONS

40 in., 42 in. and 44 inches wide, extra fine and heavy bleached circular pillow cotton, English make, soft and free from dressing, regular price 25c, a yard, on sale special at 20c  
2 yards and 2½ yards wide, Bleached Sheet, beautiful even round thread weave, soft finish for easy washing, special value at 35c, a yard, on sale very special at..... 25c

## DRESS MAKING

Our Dress Making Department under the charge of **MISS WRIGHT**, is now open, and Miss Wright is in attendance to receive your orders and give them every possible attention. Miss Wright was very successful last season and highly satisfied all customers who entrusted their work to her. We guarantee her work to be absolutely satisfactory. Charges for making are extremely moderate.

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Will cost \$150,000,000 and every citizen of Canada must pay his share. Start saving at once by opening an account at

## Westman Bros.

Our quotations on Builders' Hardware will prove a nest egg for a saving bank account.

## WESTMAN BROS.

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## THANKS!

We thank the residents of Chatham and vicinity for their liberal patronage—the continued increase in the amount of business we are doing is very pleasing to us, and we shall try in every way—both in the quality and price of our goods—to make it satisfactory to all customers.

7 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c.  
Mixed Pickles, 13c. Per Quart  
Brooms, 15c. 25c. and 30c.  
Corn Starch, 6c. Per Package  
Very Bright Syrup, 50c. Per Gal.  
1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes 25c.  
6 Bars Soap 25c.  
Pickles per Per Bottle  
Naval Ordnance 25c. Per Dozen  
3 lbs. Mixed Biscuits 25c.  
6 lbs. Buckwheat Flour 25c.

Clearing Sale of CROCKERY, CHINA, LAMPS GLASSWARE still going on. Lots of bargains yet; come and get them.

John McConnell  
PARK ST. PHONE 190

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc

## TWO THOUSAND WERE KILLED

Colombia Coast Towns Devastated by Giant Tidal Wave

### THREW PEOPLE IN PANIC

Buena Ventura, Colombia, via Galveston, Feb. 27.—An earthquake occurred at twenty-five minutes to eleven on the morning of the 21st, lasting about seven minutes, the movement being from the north to the south. The town was considerably shaken. The damage, however, was small, but the people were thrown in a panic, kneeling, weeping and praying in the streets. All the clocks in the town were stopped, while the cables were broken in many places. Following the earthquake there was a tidal wave, which was of no consequence here, but the reports from the coast, including an area of fifty leagues to the south, state that two thousand were killed by falling houses or drowned by the wave, whole families having been lost. Sailing vessels report having encountered hundreds of corpses and quantities of dead fish, and many small settlements were completely swept away. The damage done by the earthquake and tidal wave at Tumaco was greater than here, and a few lives were lost. The shock was felt in the interior, and five people were killed at Tugueresin. At Popayan the people resorted to tents, and thanksgiving services were held on Feb. 21 and 22. Twelve distinct shocks were felt, but it is believed that all danger is over now.

Colored Candy Kills. New York, Feb. 27.—After eating two cents worth of candy, colored red, blue and green, and sold to all the children of the neighborhood at 10 cents a pound, the three step-children of Harry Thompson of 414 West Fifty-Second street were taken with violent convulsions. Vivian, the eldest, a girl of six, died in great agony, and the lives of her brother, Ralph, aged four, and her three-year-old sister, Viola, are despaired of.

### YOUTH'S SERIOUS PLIGHT.

Shot Rifle in Fit of Bravado and Bullet Struck Mrs. Brown.

Pictou, Feb. 27.—While James Brown, with his mother, 70 years of age, were out driving near McAuley's woods on the edge of the town, Mrs. Brown was shot through the lung with a bullet from a rifle in the hands of Frank Nelson, a young lad of 17 years of age. Nelson rented the rifle, and accompanied by four of five other lads, started to go into the woods to hunt. The story goes that Nelson in a moment of recklessness drew his rifle and told the other lads to watch and see how close he could come to Brown's horse without the result as above.

Mrs. Brown is very low, and doctors say she cannot recover. Nelson is confined in the county jail. He had only lately returned from a two years' term at Mimico.

Jumps Train, Is Badly Injured. Guelph, Feb. 27.—Edward Bush, aged 23, of Hawkesville, is in the hospital here unconscious, suffering from injuries received. It is thought, by his jumping from a train, which he may have boarded by mistake on Sunday night, he went home for Sunday. Sunday morning he staggered into the yard of Mr. McMaster.

### WAR ALREADY DECIDED ON.

Alarming Cable From St. Petersburg Re. the Kaiser's Whims.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Most alarming views with reference to the relations between Germany and France prevail in certain diplomatic quarters, where the situation is considered to be extremely tense and a conflict by no means unlikely. The Ambassador of one great European power told the Associated Press yesterday that war in his opinion was inevitable, and had in fact already been decided upon.

"It is said," adds the diplomat, who is not ranked with the admirers of Emperor William, "that for the whims of one man Europe must be plunged into the horrors of war."

At the French embassy opinion as to the situation is frankly pessimistic, and the outlook at present is regarded as extremely serious, the view being that there is no telling what may be in store if the conference should break off and France and Germany be left face to face in uncompromising opposition.

### Delay From Train Wrecks.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Train wrecks on the G. T. R. tracks caused much delay to traffic from Hamilton to Toronto last night. Late in the afternoon a car on a G. T. R. freight train was derailed at Clarkson blocking both lines. One line was soon cleared, allowing two trains to reach Toronto about an hour late.

The 7:45 C. P. R. train from Toronto to Hamilton was also wrecked. While making time, the tender and engine left the track while running on a sharp curve, about a mile east of Bronte. No person was hurt, the only inconvenience being the delay of traffic for several hours.

In every clime its colors are unfurled. Its fame has spread from sea to sea; Be not surprised if in the other world, You hear of Rocky Mountain Tea. A. L. McCall & Co.

## MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS DISCUSS THE BRIDGE QUESTION

Council Chambers Were Crowded With Rate-Payers who Took a Lively Interest in the Discussions

### CITIZENS AND STOCKHOLDERS DELIVER ADDRESSES

The citizens' meeting, held in Harrison Hall last evening, was very largely attended by representative ratepayers. The gallery to the rear was much packed, and many were standing in the doorways.

Shortly after eight o'clock the meeting was opened by his worship Mayor Marshall, who presided. The Mayor briefly outlined the circumstances leading up to the present crisis. Mr. Marshall referred to the Company's offer to build a new bridge, the City to pay half the cost up to the amount of \$40,000. At a private meeting the Council had decided that \$10,000 was enough for the City to pay as its share.

The Mayor then read the proposition made by the Railway Company, prior to the C. W. & L. E. by-law being submitted to the ratepayers at the municipal elections of 1905, after which Mr. N. H. Stevens was called upon.

Mr. Stevens explained that he held the dual position of a shareholder in the C. W. & L. E. and a ratepayer. At the time of the passing of the by-law it was the distinct understanding that the C. W. & L. E. was to construct the Third street bridge, and that the City would be liberal and meet the Company half way with expenses. The principal stockholders in the Company had come to this city as strangers, and had put their money into the proposition, confident that the City of Chatham would do what was fair by them. Local capitalists had also subscribed stock in the proposition and the railway had been built. No one could deny that the bridge was a great benefit to the city, and that they were every day reaping the fruit of their investment.

It was now well known that the present bridge was not wide enough for traffic and the Railway Company's use. Besides, the bridge had been built in a very poor manner, and was now in a state of decay. The Railway Company were anxious to have the bridge matter settled, so that they might construct their line on to the lake shore. The Railway Company only asked that the City pay one-half the cost of construction and allow the City to take away the old superstructure and use it for what they saw fit. The proposed bridge would be swung by an electric motor supplied by the C. W. & L. E. The bridge would be a great benefit to the city, and would be a great improvement on the present bridge. The City could not afford to pay for experiments. A substantial bridge was the only feasible way out of the difficulty. The Company, in his belief, could simply strengthen the bridge, and could not legally be asked to do more, should the City refuse to aid in building a new structure. Third street bridge was a success. No such bridge was manufactured at the present time. It was behind the times, and an antiquated structure, which had seen its best days.

Since the Company were willing to hand over the old structure to the City, Col. Rankin thought that it might be broken in half and the

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## A CROWDED HOUSE SALARY QUESTION

The Summers Stock Company Present "The Fugitives" to an Appreciative Audience

A very large house greeted the first play of the week last evening at the Grand by the Summers Stock Company. The piece was entitled "The Fugitives" and was a most realistic production, full of exciting incidents and strong dramatic situations.

The acting was superior to that of most stock companies, in that it was quite free from thrilling or far fetched melodramatic climaxes. The juvenile talent of the company is a distinct feature, and contributes much toward its success. To lighten the heaviness of tragedy the company carry an unrivaled collection of clever variety artists and a most up-to-date animated picture apparatus.

Good strong acting, healthy fun and endless and ever changing variety are the chief points of their performance, and all who pay them a visit this week can be assured of a splendid show.

The scenery carried by the company is magnificent and fully in accord with their general state settings. They are here for the remainder of the week and are fully deserving of crowded houses and unbounded praise.

### BROKE COLLAR BONE

Edward Massey, of Greenfield, had the misfortune to have his collar bone broken on Thursday afternoon. He was drawing stone and while walking beside the wagon his feet slipped and he fell, his shoulder getting under the hind wheel. It was fortunate that the horses stopped when they did or Mr. Massey would certainly have been killed had the wheel passed over his body. Highgate Monitor.

The world is too apt to turn up its nose at virtue clothed in rags.

Goodness thinks no ill where no ill seems.

## RUSSIA'S PARLIAMENT

Imperial Ukase Convenes First National Assembly May 10

### A SPEEDY CONVOCAION

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Reports from the interior showing it is possible to hold the elections in over half of the districts and open the national assembly May 10, with a working majority, the Cabinet has recommended that the first meeting of the Russian Parliament be held and the long expected Imperial ukase to that effect was promulgated yesterday.

This definite argument, against the statement that the Government had no intention of convoking the national assembly is expected to do far more towards completing the tranquillization of the country than all the repressive measures of Interior Minister Durnovo, of whose waning power the ukase is but one of several indications.

Many of the members, including representatives of the Caucasus, Siberia, parts of Poland, the Baltic Provinces, and even of important cities like Kiev, will probably not be chosen in time to participate in the organization of the assembly. But the urgent need for a speedy convocation of the new Parliament in order to reassure the country regarding the intentions of the Government overweighed the disadvantages of incomplete representation.

A second ukase annulling the requirement of a simultaneous election throughout the Empire.

The place for the convocation of the national assembly is the historic Kurdie Palace here, built by Catherine II. For her favorite, Prince Potemkin. Accommodations have been provided for the press for the first time in the history of Russian public architecture.

### Willing to Remain if Pressed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—M. Timiriazov, the Minister of Commerce, who resigned Feb. 19, said yesterday that no decision regarding the withdrawal of his resignation had been taken, but if he is given assurances of a sufficient change in policy M. Timiriazov is willing to remain in the Cabinet.

### Ten Men Rob Russian Bank.

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 27.—Ten men forced an entrance into the Russian State Bank Sunday night, shot the guardian and secured \$37,500. The robbers have not been captured.

### MRS. BANWELL DIDN'T KNOW.

Thought She Was Just Eloping—She Is Not Under Arrest.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 27.—Owing to a heavy fog which has existed for two days the Boston has not yet arrived. The mail steamer, Corinthian, is also two days overdue.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The trial of young Banwell will come on immediately he reaches the city. He will be represented by E. E. A. DuVernet, K. C.

Mrs. Banwell, immediately on her arrival, will go to her parents' home in Etobicoke. She is not under arrest.

In a letter to her mother, Mrs. Hector, alias Banwell's arrest in Jamaica, she states that she knew nothing whatever of her husband's doings. She suspected nothing. She thought that it was just an elopement case. She was not aware of the truth until they were far south. Banwell had promised her that they would have their Christmas dinner at home.

Had she known in time, she protests that her influence over Banwell would have averted the deed.

### SIR HOWARD REPLIES.

Writes Hon. Sydney Fisher As to That Montreal Deliverance.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Sir Howard Vincent, M. P., has sent to The Herald a copy of a letter he has written to Hon. Sydney Fisher about the latter's Montreal speech. Sir Howard reminds the Minister of Agriculture that the latter must have changed his views since 1904. What has brought about the change? asks Sir Howard, as the administration of Sir John Macdonald, Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Wilfrid Laurier have for a quarter of a century shaped their course straight toward the Imperial goal of commercial federation. The English statesman then quotes Sir Wilfrid and Hon. Mr. Fielding against Mr. Fisher, and then says that the Minister is in error if he thinks that the result of the recent English elections is a final decision.

### GOES TO ARBITRATION.

G. T. R. and Its Engineers Can't Agree on the Wage Question.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—The G. T. R. and the engineers having failed to agree, the matter of an increase in wages will be submitted to arbitration. The company will name one man, the men one and the two thus named will choose a third. They will meet on March 3. It is said that the company have offered an advance equal to four per cent, but the men want as much as the C. P. R. engineers.

### Rev. Richard Johnstone Found Dead.

Port Huron, Mich., Feb. 27.—Rev. Richard Johnstone, a retired minister of the Church of England, was found dead in his room by his wife. Mr. Johnstone was 71 years of age. He was in Sandwich thirty years, and was said to be one of the best Latin and Greek scholars in Canada.

It doesn't pay to own anything you can't pay for.

## Hair Brushes And... Cloth Brushes

For One Week we will continue our sale of these two lines at a lower than import price.

Hair Brushes 14c, regular - 25c  
" 19c, " - 35c  
" 29c, " - 50c  
" 39c, " - 75c  
" 49c, " - \$1.00

Cloth Brushes 19c, regular - 35c  
" 39c, " - 50c

All Brushes of good goods. We bought 25 gross of these goods and we intend to sell them in a RUSH. Come and get your share of them or you make a mistake.

## Sulman's Beehive

KING and SIXTH STREETS

P.S.—We have received two cartons of our new WALL PAPERS. They are the greatest value ever in Canada. You'll say so when you see them.

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## FRIED CAKES

Just Like Mother Makes

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Opposite C.P.R. Station. Leave your order for your

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Lawn Mowers Ground. Telephone or drop a card and they will be sent for and returned.

## The Princess Skirt and Costume Co.

Winter and Spring—first one, then the other, so while the great annual preparations are going on for the reception of the new goods, we herald springtime. We have decided on a grand Winter Goods Sale in

LADIES' SKIRTS AND SHIRTWAIST SUITS, &c.

In the meantime the New Suitings and Gownings are coming forward and being placed on view.

Remember that we have a special department for Ladies' Tailoring and Dressmaking. We guarantee to fit perfect.

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