

*Announcements*

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# THE DAILY MAIL.

**WEATHER REPORT.**  
Toronto (noon)—Fair and quite cold to-day and on Saturday, likely followed by stormy conditions.

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### Lively Time at House Over Question of Food Inspection and Values

Opposition Members Call for the Protection of Fishermen as Regards Salted Beef and Other Imported Food Stuffs.

Public interest in the debates at the House of Assembly is daily on the increase. Yesterday afternoon saw another large attendance; many were unable to secure seats. Particulars of payments of a sum of \$3,250 to the Hon. the Prime Minister, Sir Edward Morris were furnished; also a statement in detail of the cost of the recent election in St. John's East. The Minister of Public Works was late in arriving. He had some information ready in reply to questions from Union members; but much of the information sought from the Minister of Public Works is still in course of preparation by this time. Opposition members are expecting Mr. Woodford to unburden himself of considerable data within the next few days.

## THORNY QUESTION OF TOLLS.

President Wilson Determined To Do The Square Thing By Powers.

A resolution appropriating the sum of \$59,679 for roads, bridges and ferries was finally passed through committee; further consideration of the estimates went over until to-morrow, as did also the bill respecting advertisements.

SENATE NOT UNANIMOUS.  
Many Senators Are Inclined To Consider The U.S. Alone.

The law relating to patents was amended, and the "Aliens Act, 1906," was also altered to make the expression "immigrant ship" in the Act mean any ship which brings to this Colony any steerage passenger or passengers who is or who are to be landed in this Colony.

**Food Inspection.**  
The Prime Minister then undertook to pilot a bill relating to the inspection of foods in the city of St. John's through committee. With the principle of the bill all the members seemed to be in harmony. The debate which followed ran the whole gamut from pure grub to pure politics. The bill itself, provides for the inspection by the Health Officer, Health Inspector, or any officer appointed by the Governor in Council, of any animal, carcass, meat, salted and fresh, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruit, meal, molasses, jam, sugar, flour, bread, but ter and oleo, milk, confectionery, &c., which may be offered or exposed for sale in the city; any animal or article unfit for the food of man may be destroyed or disposed of as to prevent its being sold or used; the persons to whom such animals or food stuff be longed to be made liable to a penalty of \$25 for every animal, carcass, fish, piece of meat, or for every package of fruit, bread, butter, milk, &c., so seized; for a second offence \$100 or three months; persons who in any manner prevent the proper officers from entering and inspecting premises, animals or other food stuffs must be prepared to pay a fine of \$50 or spend a month by the lakeside.

Washington, Feb. 6.—President Wilson announced to-day that he would give every legitimate influence to have repealed the provisions of the Panama Canal Act, exempting American coast wise vessels from payment of tolls.

He made his position clear to callers in unequivocal terms. President believed that the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty with Britain guarantee equality of treatment to all nations, including the United States, in the matter of tolls and that the States is in honor bound to charge American vessels the same tolls it imposed upon those of foreign nations.

The President impressed upon his callers that he would use every legitimate influence at his disposal to have the exemption clause eliminated from the Panama Canal Act.

The President's views will be carried out in the House with little difficulty according to Representative Adamson, the Chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee who said Congress undoubtedly would act quickly by "a straight-out repeal."

**Must Be Covered**  
All articles of food offered for sale outside any store or other building must be properly covered, so that they are protected from dust, dirt and flies; meat shops, grocery stores, confectionery and baker shops, in fact everywhere that food solid or liquid is put up or sold must be kept clean, sanitary and in proper condition. The employees of such places shall be attired in clean garments and the butchers are especially cautioned to wear white aprons. There are several provisions for sanitary regulations and other matters.

Dr. Brehm and Inspector O'Brien were given unstinted praise by the Premier and the leader of the Opposition for the manner in which they had carried out their work. We were told the butchers are now vying with each other in the matter of cleanliness, due in a great measure to the efficient and fearless Inspector O'Brien.

Perplexities abound, and, in which ever direction they turn, some foreign toe obtrudes upon which they are likely to tread, although walking upon their own domestic demesne. There is a growing disposition to move steadily ahead on strictly American lines of policy, blazing away fearlessly and let the chips fall where they may.

There is the question of the Panama Canal tolls, bound up with Great Britain's grievance, and in which is supposed to be involved that country's favorable attitude toward the United States in case of trouble with England's ally, Japan.

The Colonial Secretary gave the House a spirited address and left an impression that the slaughter houses and barnyards in the electoral districts of St. John's East and West were things of beauty—and a joy for ever.

Mr. Kent thought to carry out the

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**Democratic Platform.**  
The Democratic national platform, adopted at Baltimore, said: "We favor the exemption from toll of American ships engaged in coastwise trade passing through the Canal." All nations are to the right of the United States admit its coastwise trade to its own vessels, as now is done by law. That platform declaration was based upon the argument that this is an American-built canal, through an American-owned territory, both paid for with American money, and that American shipping engaged in strict coastwise traffic could justly be relieved of tolls. Great Britain objects on the ground that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty assured equal treatment to vessels of all nations.

Some senators say that it is a most obvious proposition that if American ships are relieved of, say, \$1.40 a ton, the transcontinental railroads will have just that much gain in their

**SPOT CASH SALE.**

## G. KNOWLING.

**SPECIAL PURCHASES**

**SPOT CASH SALE.**

We offer at astoundingly low prices, owing to the advantageous terms on which we secured, nearly **\$20,000 WORTH OF DRY GOODS**

We have at present ready the following items in **OUR CENTRAL SHOWROOMS TO-DAY**

Articles in Women's and Children's wear, and it will be only necessary for the most ill-informed as to quality and values to see these offerings to be convinced that there are **MANY UNDER HALF PRICE.**

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### Marvellous Corset Cover Bargains.

Values such as these purchases include seldom or never offered. Not reduced because of old stock.

Charming confections of lace and embroidery trimming of newest and smartest designs; fresh clean goods.

32 Corset Covers, lace and embroidery trimmed, worth 40c., for, each **25c.**

29 Corset Covers, lace and embroidery trimmed, worth 50c., for, each **30c.**

14 Corset Covers, lace and embroidery trimmed, worth 80c., for, each **40c.**

5 Corset Covers, lace and embroidery trimmed, worth 90c., for, each **50c.**

### DAINTY UNDERSKIRT BARGAINS.

Mostly American make and designs; latest cut; fresh and new fine soft muslin with charming embroidered designs, etc. **SEE THEM.**

22 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$1.25, for, each **70c.**

15 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$1.50, for, each **85c.**

23 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$1.80, for, each **1.00**

16 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$2.00, for, each **1.25**

8 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$2.30, for, each **1.50**

11 White Embroidered Skirts. Worth \$2.50, for, each **1.75**

5 Black Sateen Embroidered Flounce. Worth \$1.00, for, each **75c.**

7 Black Schriensed. Worth \$3.20, for each **1.95**

4 Black Schriensed. Worth \$1.65, for, each **1.15**

### UNUSUAL KNICKER BARGAINS.

Values such as these are seldom or never offered, and owing to the extraordinary values, would advise early purchases.

27 White Knickers, Nainsook body with fine lace and embroidery for trimming, worth 60c., for **30c.**

7 White Knickers, Nainsook body, with fine lace and embroidery for trimming, worth 70c., for **40c.**

6 White Knickers, porous knit, lace trimmed, knee length, worth 35c., for **25c.**

### GIRLS' CLOTHING BARGAINS.

We cannot impress sufficiently the importance of an early inspection of the following items. It cannot but strike one that the opportunity is for the early purchaser, the values being such that they will be snapped up on sight.

#### Girls' Dresses.

Smartly trimmed wash goods in cottons, zephyrs, ginghams, white and fancy muslin, oatmeal cloths, basket cloths, etc. Will fit girls from 3 years to 10 years of age **40c.**

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### Ladies' Night Dress Bargain.

Beautifully fine muslin and lawn muslin and embroidery trimmed garments at almost half price

22 Ladies' White Nightdresses, latest designs in lace and embroidery trimming, worth \$1.50, for, each **85c.**

9 Ladies' White Nightdresses, latest designs in lace and embroidery trimming, worth \$2.20, for, each **1.30**

10 Ladies' White Nightdresses, latest designs in lace and embroidery trimming, worth \$2.40, for, each **1.40**

### LADIES' COSTUME BARGAIN.

Marvellous values, up-to-date styles, we offer **7 Ladies' Costumes**

In Navy, Serge and Tweed worth \$4.50 to \$5.50 for **\$2.75**

**We cannot charge or send on approbation, Sale Goods**

### LADIES' KNICKER BARGAINS.

Less than half price is the greater part of this offer.

Ladies Sateen Knickers, colored and black, worth \$1.20 **75c.**

Ladies' Sateen Knickers, colored and black, worth \$1.60, for **1.00**

Ladies' Silk Moire and Serge Knickers in plain and fancy colors, cream and black, worth \$2.50 to \$4.50, for **1.50**

### GIRLS' DRESS BARGAINS.

Well made stylish dresses; will stand wear and tear; in white and fancy; strongly sewn and carefully finished. Will fit girls from 4 to 11 year of age **75c.**

11 Childs' Navy Reefer Coats. Worth \$1.40 to \$2.50 **75c. to 1.95** according to size.

14 Childs' Cream Bear Coats. Worth \$3.20 for **1.70**

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### Ladies' Blouse Bargains.

It affords us great pleasure to be able to offer such remarkable values in White, Black and Colored Blouses. The most of these have never been out of their boxes, and there is every approved style to be found amongst them.

Prices are as follows:

**35c. 45c. 50c. 75c. 95c.**

You will find almost every material and style. The regular of these blouses would be from 60c. to \$1.75 each.

### FURS.

There is nothing to equal these values we are now offering in Ladies' Fine Fur Goods. The most of this lot is marked **Far Below Half Price.**

It embraces nearly every kind of fur in the various styles of fur neckwear, of Collars, Throwovers, Grips, etc.

Prices range from **15c. to \$5.00**

Regular values were from \$1.00 to \$20.00 in black, brown, white, etc.

Lace Bureau Scarves, worth 50 to 60c. now **30c.**

Lace Bureau Scarves, worth 65c. to \$1.00, now **45c.**

Cushion Covers, worth 18c., now **10c.**

Table Centres, worth 70c. to \$1.00, now **40c.**

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**CENTRAL STORE Showroom**

## G. KNOWLING.

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years, and "until all diplomatic questions touching the treatment of vessels as to conditions or charges of traffic at the canal shall have been adjusted," the exemption thus provided.

It is a question in the minds of some senators whether the pending arbitration treaty with Great Britain would cover an attempt to settle the tolls dispute. Some of them insist that this is a purely domestic proposition, which should not be submitted to arbitration. (Continued on page 2)